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REPORTER

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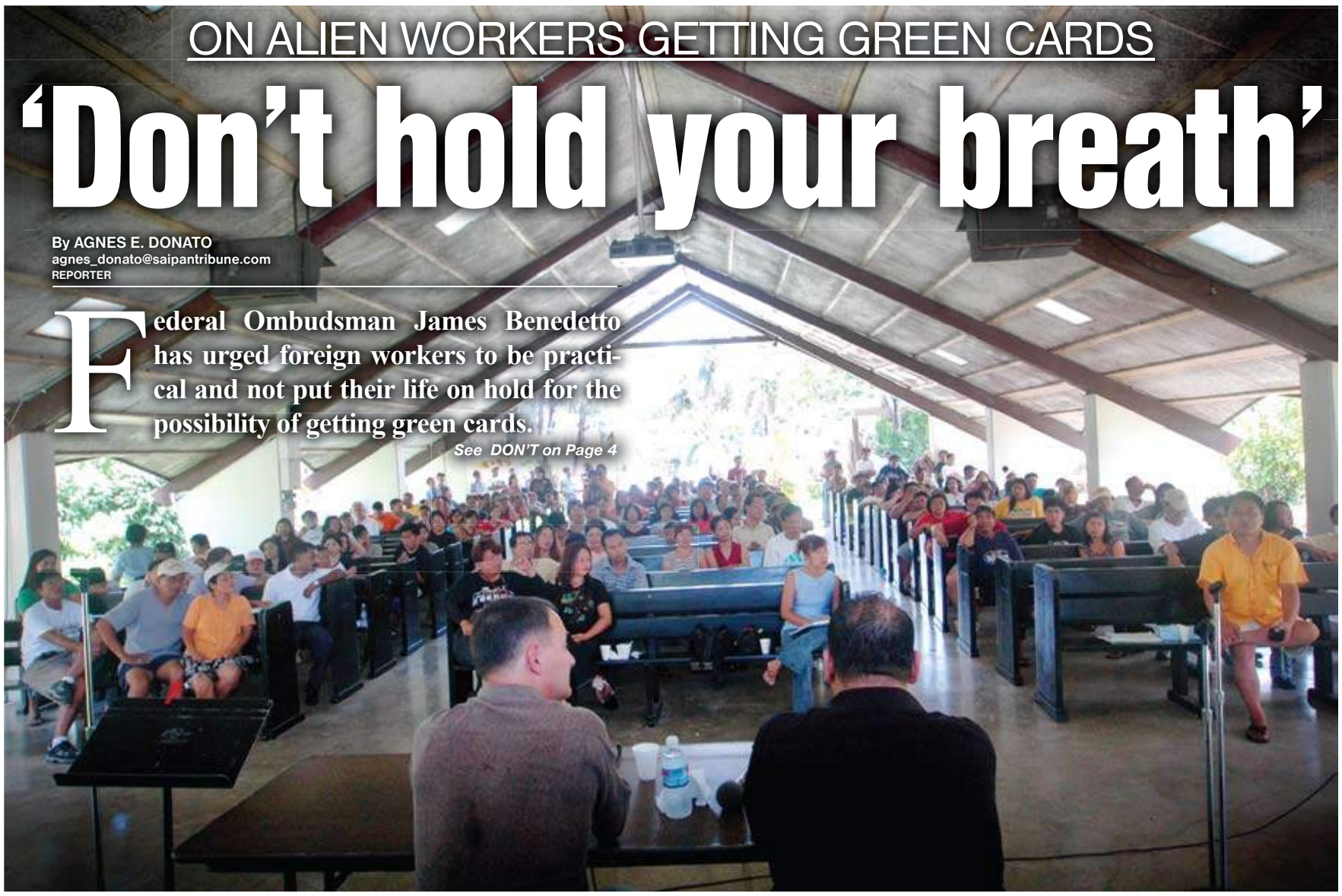

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Federal Labor Ombudsman Jim Benedetto and activist Alfredo Antolin talk to Filipino guest workers during the CNMI Coalition of United Workers' Forum at the Saipan Community Church in Susupe Saturday morning.

Decline in teen smoking ceases

By ROB STEIN
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WASHINGTON—The campaign to reduce teenagers' smoking has stalled, new federal data show, dismaying federal health officials and anti-smoking advocates who said that one of the nation's most important public

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A visitor smokes a cigarette outside a pub in Tuebingen, southern Germany, Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Former CUC director faults Aggreko accord

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Former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Ramon Guerrero in a statement Sunday blasted the agency's recent deal to lease emergency power generators from Aggreko International, saying CUC's leadership has failed to consider a host of key problems with the contract.

Guerrero

"I am concerned that CUC will execute contractual mistakes with Aggreko," said Guerrero, who has also served as a senator.

At issue in the statement is the $6 million

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An employee makes a routine inspection on one of the engines inside the privately operated Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico.

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

'Engine 7 overhaul will be done in 30-45 days'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The ongoing overhaul on power engine number 7 at Power Plant 1 in Lower Base may be completed in the next 30 to 45 days.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Antonio Muna said the rehabilitation of engine no. 7 could generate about 11 megawatts of electric power on Saipan.

Muna told the media they would soon use engine no. 7 plus an additional power engine at Power Plant 1 to boost the power supply on the island.

He said three other power engines at Power Plant 1 could then be held in reserve for eventual rehabilitation.

"Power Plant 1 will continue to provide power but it will be limited to two engines of the four that are currently operating. It's going to be combinations of two to four engines," the executive director said.

The present total output of the power plants is 36.4 megawatts. Demand is at 41 megawatts, which means a shortage of 4.6 megawatts.

DCM Inc. will be rehabilitating seven of the eight power engines at Power Plant 1.

According to the latest CUC report on power distribution, engines 2, 3, 6, and 8 at Power Plant 1 are operational. Engine no. 7 is undergoing overhaul work. Engine no. 8 has been operational since April 14, 2008, but is due for major overhaul.

Unit 1 has been undergoing maintenance since Nov. 12, 2006. Unit 4 is down due to crankpin seizure since July 16, 2005. Unit 5 has been down since April 12, 2008, due to replacement needs for valves, injector liner and cylinder.

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/s/ Adrian Atalig
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Many errors cited in proposed 2009 budget

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REPORTER

A legislative committee wants the governor's budget proposal to be returned to the administration for correction and resubmission.

The Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, led by Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, said the budget package for the 2009 fiscal year is unacceptable because it has too many mathematical errors.

"We have come to the conclusion that the governor's budget proposal contains enough math errors and data inaccuracies to justify no further consideration until such errors and inaccuracies are corrected or clarified and resubmitted," the committee said in a report.

The committee said it found questionable entries totaling nearly $730,000 listed under personnel costs, the largest component of the budget.

The panel's review also revealed hundreds of inaccuracies regarding civil service positions. Some examples are salary grades that do not match the listed civil service titles, position codes that do not match the titles listed, and position codes or titles that do not appear on the list of civil service positions.

According to the committee, the inaccuracies in the personnel data seem to point to a pattern of circumventing the civil services system so certain employees can be paid either higher or lower than the salary grade approved by the civil service system.

The committee also said that a look at "ungraded" positions—which have pay rates established on an individual basis—revealed potential savings of over $3 million. This amount is sourced from posting errors, erroneous calculations, and failure to prorate costs where appropriate.

"The bottom line is that the Senate cannot rely on the information currently submitted as documentation for the budget proposal," the committee said. "We suspect that the problems have gone unnoticed for many years. The discrepancies completely undermine the ability to make an informed decision regarding projected funding needs for FY2009. It is not possible to know what we are being asked to approve, particularly in the area of personnel."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has requested a budget of $158.4 million for fiscal year 2009, a slight decrease from the spending limit for the past two years.

The budget called for cost-cutting measures, including a substantially reduced retirement contribution rate, unpaid holidays, "austerity Fridays", and continued reprogramming of lapsed funds and fund balances from various non-General Fund accounts. The governor's submission also required an increase in several fees.

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Yumul: CUC loan with MPLT 'problematic'

A lawmaker has raised concern about the Commonwealth utility's proposal to get money from the Marianas Public Land Trust for its temporary power contract.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. could run into legal problems by borrowing money for operational expenses.

"CUC does not have the legal authority to seek a loan from anybody," said Yumul.

He added that a 2006 executive order signed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial requires CUC to get the consent of the Legislature before making any loans worth over $500,000. CUC has not sought legislative approval for its proposal.

CUC has asked $4 million from MPLT, which invests money collected by the Department of Public Lands from the use of government property.

Yumul, who was present at the MPLT meeting on Friday, quoted CUC executive director Antonio Muna as saying that the $4 million would be used not only for CUC's contract with Aggreko International, but also for fuel expenses and the utility's debts to its power plant contractors, Telesource CNMI and Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp.

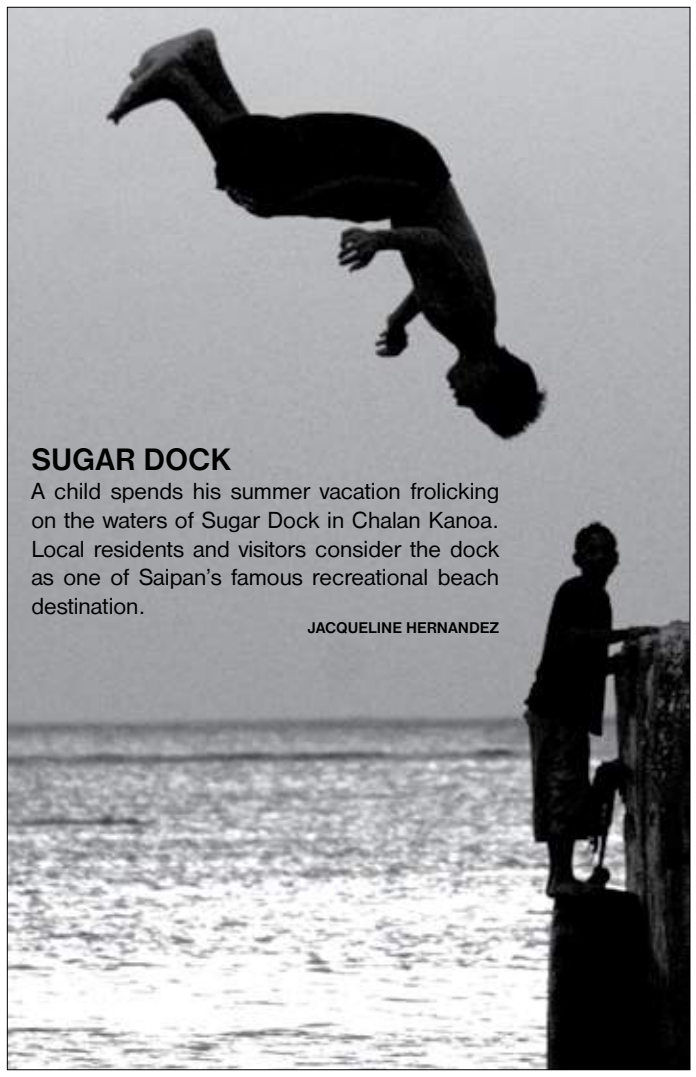
"We know CUC is desperate for money, but we have to make sure they get it the right way," said Yumul.

CUC recently signed a contract for Aggreko International to provide rental generators for the Saipan power plant, which is undergoing major repair. The contract requires CUC to make a partial payment of $1.5 million before Aggreko will ship the generators.

The $6-million contract is for one year and includes the generators, lube oil, personnel costs, and maintenance. The monthly rate is pegged at $504,000, for a total of $6 million a year. CUC will provide diesel to the company.

The generators will provide additional 15 megawatt to Saipan's power supply. ***(Agnes E. Donato)***

SUMMER BASH
Young adults play a ball game on the swimming pool during the Palms Resort Saipan 2008 Summer Bash Party Saturday afternoon.
JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ



SUGAR DOCK
A child spends his summer vacation frolicking on the waters of Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa. Local residents and visitors consider the dock as one of Saipan's famous recreational beach destination.
JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

DECLINE

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health priorities is faltering.

Smoking by teenagers fell sharply and steadily between 1997 and 2003, but the latest data from a large federal survey tracking smoking and other risky behaviors among young people found the proportion of teens who smoke leveled off between 2003 and 2007.

"This is the most dramatic indication that the great progress were making has stalled," said Terry Pechacek of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which released the new data last week. "This has very negative long-term implications."

Anti-smoking advocates agreed.

"More progress must be made to ensure youngsters at these critical age levels continue to turn away from smoking," Cheryl Healton of the American Legacy Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based anti-smoking group, said in a statement.

"The lack of greater progress in recent years is a clear warning to elected officials to resist complacency and redouble efforts to reduce tobacco use. We know how to win the fight against tobacco use, but we will not win it—and our progress could even reverse—without the political leadership to implement proven solutions," Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a Washington advocacy group, said in a statement.

The data released last week come from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, a nationally representative survey that the federal government conducts of students in grades 9 through 12 every two years to track a variety of risk behaviors, including drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

The proportion of students who smoke soared from 27.5 percent in 1991 to 36.4 percent in 1997 but then began to fall, hitting 21.9 percent in 2003. The 2005 survey, however, showed the rate had crept up to 23 percent. Because that change was not statistically significant, officials were waiting for the 2007 figures to determine whether the downward trend had actually stalled.

The 2007 figure is slightly lower at 20 percent, but again, the figure is not statistically significant.

"We had a dramatic increase from 1991 to 1997 and then a reversal of that problematic upward trend from 1997 to 2003. In 2005 it was not declining, but we hoped that was a short-term bump," Pechacek said. "We're always cautious about making long-term implications from one data point. We were hoping that we would be back on track this year. But we're not."

While the survey did show continued declines in some groups, most notably African American girls, the overall downward trend stalled.

"There have been fluctuations between subgroups, but the bottom line is we are not on the decline anymore. We are confident that is a scientifically defined fact," Pechacek said.

"One in five kids is still smoking. Another generation is continuing on with a high rate of tobacco use into adulthood where the industry can prey on them and maintain this epidemic into another generation," he said. "This is a major public health concern."

Pechacek blamed the trend in part on cuts on anti-smoking campaigns by states that had been funded by a nationwide 1998 settlement of a class-action lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"Many large states had very active campaigns that went off the air," he said, citing Massachusetts, Florida and Mississippi as examples of states that had cut their programs.

At the same time, cigarette companies have continued to increase their spending on promotional activities, including heavily advertising brands that teenager are most likely to smoke, working to feature smoking in movies and videos and offering pricing incentives that offset increases in cigarette prices.

"The tobacco industry never stopped promoting its products," Pechacek said. "They have increased their effort and maintained a very active effort to promote tobacco while prevention efforts have lost funding."

Bill Phelps, a spokesman for Altria Group, the parent company of Phillip Morris USA, said his company has a variety of programs aimed at discouraging teen smoking, including punishing stores found selling cigarettes to children.

"We believe kids should not use tobacco," Phelps said. "We have a pretty significant youth smoking prevention program.

FORMER

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deal CUC and Aggreko signed last week to lease the generators, a move that has already sparked outcry from Telesource, the company tasked with operating Tinian's power plant, which has said it could have provided the same amount of power for half of the cost.

CUC's current executive director, Anthony Muña, has yet to respond to questions about the deal

In the statement, Guerrero notes that the new contract contains a cap on the monetary penalty CUC can impose on Aggreko if the generators consume more fuel than expected, a provision that could leave the government paying for thousands in fuel costs each month.

"If the penalty cap is not removed, we're in for some serious problems," Guerrero said, adding that CUC never disclosed to lawmakers the other costs it will incur through the contract, such as the price of paying the six CUC staff members who will aid in operating the generators. "Hence, the costs are well under-estimated," he said.

Moreover, Guerrero says the Aggreko deal might violate the Commonwealth government's regulations for procuring goods and services. CUC's contract with the company, he notes, contains language saying that sufficient funds are available for it in the government's budget.

"[W]e've been hearing from CUC and the Governor that CUC doesn't have any funding even to buy fuel," he says. "This raises serious questions on how CUC and the Executive Branch are treating our procurement laws unless, of course, CUC has money stashed somewhere."

Guerrero further questions why CUC inked the Aggreko deal when Telesource may have sold CUC the temporary power needed for less. "If CUC and the Executive Branch claim that CUC is severely cash constrained, how is it that such cost savings are not being considered?" he asked.

The Aggreko deal comes at a pivotal time for CUC given recent financial losses that have pushed it to the brink of disaster, Guerrero adds. "CUC has come to a juncture where, unless critical and correct measures are undertaken, CUC is only awaiting collapse and the Aggreko contract…will simply hasten such collapse."

CUC officials were unavailable for comment at press time.

DON'T

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Speaking before some 150 workers at a forum Saturday, Benedetto said that while long-time guest workers may eventually get improved status under the new immigration law, they should not hold their breath waiting for it to happen.

"I wouldn't advise you to stay in the Commonwealth waiting for green cards, if you don't have a job. By all means, go to where the pasture seems to be greener right now," Benedetto said at the forum organized by the Coalition of United Workers.

The new immigration law, which will have Washington controlling immigration in the Northern Marianas, includes a provision requiring the U.S. administration to submit to Congress within two years a report with recommendations on how to grant the guest workers a more permanent status.

Benedetto noted the provision does not guarantee that green cards will be given out two years from now.

"Even if the report says to give everyone a green card, we don't know if Congress will do it. In fact, even if Congress decides to do it, we don't know how long it will take them to do it," he said.

Benedetto pointed out that the federal government's bid to take over local immigration took 10 years to happen.

Still, he sought to allay the guest workers' fears that they would be deported at the end of the transition period if they do not qualify for U.S. work visas.

The immigration law says the number of foreign workers should be reduced to zero by Dec. 31, 2014, or some later date if the U.S. Secretary of Labor grants an extension to the transitional CNMI-only alien workers program.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in justifying the lawsuit he plans to file against the U.S. government, said the economy would crash if the estimated 20,000 guest workers who cannot qualify for U.S. work visas are sent home.

Benedetto said the mass deportation could happen, but only "theoretically because we don't know what the regulations will say yet." He added that there is a good chance the transition period will be extended, since it is likely that the CNMI economy will continue to need foreign workers by 2014.

"Theoretically, it's possible that we'd go down to zero [foreign workers]. But is that going to happen? I don't think so. I don't think you really have anything to worry about," he said.

Overflow crowd rejoices in Pacquiao win vs Diaz

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REPORTER

Over 500 boxing fans gathered at the Saipan World Resort yesterday to watch via satellite the title fight between Filipino boxing hero Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao and David Diaz at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Boxing enthusiasts at the VIP seats inside Redbox and the general admission venue at Royal Taga Hall whooped and yelled when Pacquiao's left fist knocked out the battered Diaz two minutes and 24 seconds into Round 9.

Most of the spectators, composed mostly of Filipinos and locals, raised their fists and clapped their hands in jubilation when popular announcer Michael Buffer announced Pacquiao as the new World Boxing Council lightweight champion.

The victory made the Filipino national icon the first Asian to win four titles in four different divisions.

Pacquiao was the clear aggressor from the opening round. Diaz's nose was bloodied due to a cut going into the third round. In round 5, his right brow began bleeding profusely.

Before Pacquiao unleashed his knockdown hook in the 9th round, the referee temporarily stopped the fight at least twice in the earlier rounds to have the ringside doctor check Diaz's wounds.

Pacquiao has been dubbed the "Mexi-cutioner" for his successive victories against Mexican fighters in his last fights.

Marianas Cable Vision systems manager Mark Birmingham said the match was "great."

"Another victory for Manny Pacquiao and we have a lot of people buy tickets at the door. This is the fifth one we've done with World Resort. It works really well. We had a little glitch for about five seconds. It was just a matter of seconds," Birmingham said, adding that the undercard fights were also equally good.

The systems manager said they are still willing to sponsor as long as Pacquiao keeps fighting.

"I'm looking forward to keeping it up. And keeping people busy on a Sunday afternoon," he added.

The live fight was sponsored by Saipan World Resort, Marpac Budweiser, MCV Broadband, and Dial Rent-To-Own.

Marpac marketing manager Jojo Camacho was profuse in his praise of the main event and the other fights, citing an interesting undercard heavyweight fight that lasted only about 34 seconds.

Das Krishnan, World Resort's food and beverage manager, said about 450 people watched the bout at the Taga Hall Ballroom and almost 100 were at the Redbox Sportsbar.

"It was a good fight. It's good entertainment for the local community. Most of my customers are repeat customers," Krishnan said.

The VIP tickets at Redbox were sold at $50 each and it included small buffet. The general admission at Taga Hall was $30 with no food and drinks.

Ray Austin, the hotel's assistant food and beverage manager, said it's always enjoyable to watch Pacquiao's fights.

"He's strong and very, very fast. And nobody can beat him right now," Austin said.

Among those seen at Redbox were some businessmen from Guam and former Rep. Andrew Salas.

Attorney Joe Hill, who watch all of Pacquiao's fights at World Resort, said "it was a great match."

"Manny Pacquioa is a great champion," said Hill, who met and toured Pacquiao around when the boxer visited Saipan a couple of years ago.

The lawyer said that Diaz looked like he was not ready for the fight.

"Like a no-show!" said Hill, who was in the jampacked Taga Hall.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,
-vs-
GLENN H. MANGLONA and ALOYSE M. MANGLONA, Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0068R

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Glenn H. Manglona and Aloyse M. Manglona in the following described real property situated on Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

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7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Glenn H. Manglona and Aloyse M. Manglona in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 11th day of June 2008

/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,
-vs-
VICENTE L. METTAO and MARSHA LOURDES L. METTAO Defendants.

Civil Action No. 03-0371B

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vicente L. Mettao and Marsha Lourdes L. Mettao in the following described, real property situated in Sugar King Estates, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 017 D 12, containing an area of 900 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 4842 on the 11th of September 1975, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 26th day of June 2008.

/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER
Department of Public Safety

Federal court postpones Dr. Hocog's trial

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The federal court has postponed the jury trial of Dr. Larry Hocog that was scheduled for today, Monday, after the prosecution requested a delay in the proceedings.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson granted the motion to continue the trial to July 7, 2008, at 9am.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley argued to continue the trial for one week. Attorney Ramon Quichocho, counsel for Hocog, objected to the postponement.

In his affidavit, O'Malley said their office network malfunctioned on June 19.

O'Malley also stated that he diligently sought to locate key witnesses who are currently in the U.S. mainland or in Hawaii.

He said the witnesses will not return to CNMI until the week of July 7, 2008.

"I was unaware that said witnesses would be unavailable during the week of June 30, 2008, when I stipulated to re-schedule the trial from June 23, 2008," the prosecutor said.

Meanwhile, Munson has ordered the prosecution to disclose to Hocog the identities of those patients alleged to have illegally received controlled substances from the doctor.

The judge, however, emphasized that the information about witnesses should be used only for the limited purpose of presenting and preparing for Hocog's case.

Quichocho argued that the identities were needed in order for them to prepare the case.

The prosecution did not object, but requested authorization from the court.

Hocog was indicted in federal court for distribution of a controlled substance from September to November 2007. Hocog was charged with one count of distribution of oxycodone hydrochloride and one count of distribution of meperidine.

O'Malley stated in the indictment that beginning on Sept. 4, 2007 and continuing until Nov. 30, 2007, the defendant, a medical doctor, dispensed oxycodone hydrochloride, a controlled substance.

O'Malley said the doctor distributed the controlled substance despite a restriction on his Drug Enforcement Administration controlled substance registration certificate and his CNMI license to practice medicine.

The prosecutor said that on Sept. 4, 2007 until Nov. 26, 2007, Hocog distributed a controlled substance, meperidine (commonly known as Demerol).

O'Malley said the doctor dispensed the meperidine despite a restriction on his Drug Enforcement Administration controlled substance registration certificate and his CNMI license to practice medicine.

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Board moves ahead on adult biz zone

The CNMI Zoning Board gave its preliminary approval to a series of proposed changes to the Commonwealth's zoning rules last week, including a plan to transform a major section of Middle Road into a special zone for adult businesses.

Tilley

The zoning board in a meeting Thursday agreed to propose the new rules formally and take comments on them from the public. Zoning administrator Steve Tilley said the proposal will be published next month and could be adopted as early as August.

Among the many changes in the proposal is a plan to establish a zone along Middle Road for businesses such as strip clubs, massage parlors and adult bookstores. The zone would extend from Monsieur John Guerrero Road to the Sugar King Park area. Adult businesses would have one year to relocate to the zone. Tilley said the plan will improve the atmosphere of Saipan's tourism centers, such as Garapan, where many adult businesses now are.

Tilley added that at least one entrepreneur has come forward with tentative plans to propose an adult business park.

"It's something that would be a great business opportunity for someone looking to move on that," said Tilley

Zoning board chair Henry Hofschneider said the proposal contains provisions that will prevent the adult business zone from "going over into residential areas." ***(Stefan Sebastian)***

7 workers of bankrupt club awarded damages

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Seven alien workers who have no intention to file a Labor case against their bankrupt employer were awarded by Labor $1,464 each in damages for unpaid wages.

However, in Friday's hearing, Labor administrative hearing officer Deanne C. Siemer advised the seven workers to file small claims to collect the damages from two insurance companies that issued the bonding, since the employer has already declared bankruptcy.

Siemer granted transfer relief to two workers who failed to find jobs. The five other workers are currently employed.

The seven workers—four waitresses, one cook, and two restaurant supervisors—used to work at the defunct Tambayan Nightclub in San Jose.

The seven were among the many alien workers who were summoned to Labor on Friday

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS
PENDING LABOR CASES

Monday, June 23, 2008 First Notice **Monday, June 30, 2008 Second Notice**

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Your claims will be heard at that time or continued to a date certain. Please bring any documentation necessary to the resolution of your claims or defenses to claims against you. In particular, if you have wage claims or if wage claims are made against you, please bring supporting documentation. If you fail to appear, or fail to bring documentation, your claims or defenses may be dismissed, and an administrative order may be entered against you.
If your case has been resolved through a settlement, or you are a claimant and wish to withdraw your claims, please call Jeffrey Camacho, Chief, Enforcement Section, 236-0960, or come to the Enforcement Office at the Department of Labor.

THIS NOTICE IS POSTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

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LC 07-007	Chang, Zhenghua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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LC 07-007	Chen, Yuhao	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
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LC 07-007	Chen, Zhu Juan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Cheng, Jun	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Cheng, Xiaomei	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-057	Del Carmen, Joseph L.	L & T Corporation	July 11, 2008	8:30 a.m.
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LC 07-007	Guo, Qunxing	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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LC 07-057	Laitan, Benito B. Jr.	L & T Corporation	July 11, 2008	8:30 a.m.
LC 07-007	Li, Guangfeng	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
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LC 07-007	Wang, Tuhua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Wang, Xiaoli	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	1:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wang, Xilan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wang, Ximei	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	3:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wei, Yan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wu, Chunzhi	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Wu, Ding Rong	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	1:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wu, Jiaoqing	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	1:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Wu, Zhanmei	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xia, Hu	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xie, Juzhen	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	2:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xu, Donglan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xu, Hua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xu, Qinguan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xu, Qinping	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Xue, Jingcheng	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Yang, Chunhua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Yang, Youquan	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	3:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Yao, Hua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Yao, Jianyun	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Ye, Liuzhen	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Ye, Zhenzhen	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Yu, Yaying	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	2:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Yuan, Jinping	Concorde Garment MFG	July 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Aihong	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	2:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Chang Zhang	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Chunxian	Concorde Garment MFG	July 9, 2008	2:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Guiping	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Guiying	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Hui	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Longhua	Concorde Garment MFG	July 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Zhang, Yun	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhou, Chunju	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhou, Ming Yue	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhou, Xuhong	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhu, Li Ying	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhu, Qin Jian	Concorde Garment MFG	July 10, 2008	12:00 p.m.
LC 07-007	Zhu, Rongdi	Concorde Garment MFG	July 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Zhu, Yuhong	Concorde Garment MFG	July 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-007	Zhu, Zhi Hong	Concorde Garment MFG	July 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 30, 1999

Govt asked to cut work hours
The powerful House Ways and Means Committee is likely to press the administration to further cut the government personnel costs under its proposed spending level for FY 2000 by implementing a reduction in the work hours to meet declining revenues. Committee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes said this is one area which they will consider in the deliberation of the budget proposal handed in by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio last April.

Demapan named SC chief justice
As expected, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday nominated Miguel S. Demapan as chief justice of the Supreme Court, ending weeks of speculation on his choice to occupy the post vacant since December after the retirement of former Chief Justice Marty W.K. Taylor. The governor at the same time appointed several people to various government boards, including to the Board of Public Lands, but left open the seat of its former chair Tomas B. Aldan whose two-year term expired last June 4.

Castro: No hard feelings
Associate Justice Alex C. Castro yesterday gave assurance that he has no hard feelings about the appointment of Miguel S. Demapan as chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court. "I am sure the decision was a difficult one. Let us therefore respect and support our governor's decision without question," said Castro, who shared the chief justice position with Demapan in an acting capacity for five months.

June 30, 2000

Teno assures tourism leaders: No tax hikes
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio pledged yesterday before tourism leaders not to raise taxes and impose new fees at this time when the economy is still reeling from the impact of the Asian recession that has pulled down visitor arrivals to the CNMI. He also sought support of the business community in improving the delivery of public services and in wooing foreign investments into the Commonwealth, saying that the government is dependent on revenues it generates from the sector.

Asiana plans to add 7 flights a week in 2001
The Northern Marianas is beginning to witness the comeback of its second largest tourism market almost three years after they started coming in trickles, as manifested by serious plans of a major Korean carrier to double the frequency of its flight services between Seoul and Saipan next year. Asiana Airlines Saipan Station Manager Hong Seong Min disclosed the carrier is now considering the deployment of two flights a day in the year 2001 or a total of 14 regular flight schedules per week.

Continental resumes Saipan-Osaka service
Continental Airlines yesterday revealed that it will resume non-stop service between Saipan and Osaka starting February 1, 2001 to March 31, 2001 to accommodate the expected influx of Japanese tourists during that period. According to Walter Dias, staff vice president of sales and promotion, the airline will fly non-stop from Saipan to Osaka four times a week.

June 30, 2003

'CDA, prison task force misled govt over funding'
Both the Saipan Prison Task Force and the Commonwealth Development Authority reportedly misled the Babauta administration that there was full funding available for the $17.29-million Saipan prison project, when in fact the money on hand was only a fraction of the entire amount. This was stressed by Gov. Juan N. Babauta Friday, explaining that funding problems continue to dog the prison facility project because, when they signed the contract, his administration was told that the total $17.29 million was available.

Governor says CUC has right to disconnect govt
While saying that the Legislature has only appropriated a dismal $5 million for utility bills this fiscal year, Gov. Juan N. Babauta said that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has the right to disconnect its non-paying customers, including the central government. "CUC has every right to do disconnections. I'm not saying it's okay [with us] but we should be treated like everybody else," said the governor in a recent interview.

7 WORKERS

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for a hearing.

After Siemer awarded them damages, the seven proceeded to the Superior Court to file small claims against two insurance companies.

One of the workers, Jimmy C. Ararao, told *Saipan Tribune* that they did not file a Labor case against Tambayan because they understand that their former employer is bankrupt.

"We can't do anything because the business was slow and Tambayan was closed in 2006. Our employer was also very nice to us, that's why we didn't file a Labor case," Ararao said.

He said they thought the case was over since Labor investigated Tambayan shortly after its closure.

Ararao said they were surprised that their names were among those recently published by Labor in the newspaper to appear for a hearing.

The workers said they believe that Labor is just trying to "clean their records."

The workers filed the small claims, but signed a waiver to avoid paying $20 in filing fee.

A Superior Court judge will determine whether to grant or deny the workers' waiver.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF HEARINGS

PENDING LABOR AND AGENCY CASES

June 30, 2008 First Notice **July 7, 2008 Second Notice**

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Your claims will be heard at that time or continued to a date certain. Please bring any documentation necessary to the resolution of your claims or defenses to claims against you. If you fail to appear, or fail to bring documentation, your claims or defenses may be dismissed, and an administrative order may be entered against you.

THESE HEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING DEPARTMENT RECORDS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS.
✓ If you have already transferred and you are working under a one-year contract and you have no other claims, you do not need to attend these hearings.
✓ If your claims have been heard, settled, or withdrawn, or you do not wish to pursue your claim, you do not need to appear for the hearings on the schedule below.

Agency cases are brought by the Director of Labor. The listings below for agency cases show individual claims within agency cases. The Director of Labor may dismiss any agency case at any time.

Case No.	Employee	Employer	Hearing Date	Time
07-078-06	Adauag, Ramelyn L.	Tudela, Leonard M. (deceased)	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Aguilar, Gina H.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Aque, Garry R.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Balbin, Ireneo B.	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Baluso, Espie M.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Barbosa, Nenita B.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-378	Bernabe, Carlito E.	Quichocho Security Services	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Bhuiyan, Khairul Hasan	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-157-11	Bronoso, Cenon C.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Calage, Erwin S.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Calimag, Alfonso T.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Cartagena, Lina B.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-094-12	Castaneda, Lily M.	Greenstone International, Inc.	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-083-07	Cepeda, Angelyn C.	Mei Art, Inc.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Chaipakdee, Thongdee	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-168-12	Che, Gang Hui	Poong In (Spn), Inc.	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Che, Gang Hui	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Chen, Li Feng	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Chen, Ruilian	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Chen, Zhaodi	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Cui, Chunnan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
05-069-04	Dagano, Avelino M.	Joshua Generation Int'l Academy	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-013-01	De Guzman, Ruby M.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Decena, Josefa B.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-157-11	Dedal, Alvin G.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Delos Santos, Agerico M.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Ding, Guozheng	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Dizon, Leticia	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Dong, Xiuli	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Dou, Wangfeng	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Escareces, Sylvia T.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Fang, Jiabin	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Garcia, Liwayway O.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Gatdula, Yolisie M.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-013-01	Gomez, Jr., Alfonso C.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-055-03	Gu, Xuetian	Jin Yang Corporation	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Guinto, Ambrocio R.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-094-07	Gunnacao, Marieta P.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	He, Meizi	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Huang, Haiyan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Huang, Qingai	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Huang, Shiqiang	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
05-026-03	Jacoba, Donnabel M.	Joshua Generation Int'l Academy	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Dongri	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Guangzhi	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Jiyu	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Meiyu	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Taijie	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Jin, Xianghua	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
04-271	Kang, Dongmei	Mirage Saipan, Ltd.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-068-04	Labasan, Mary A.B.	Aldan, Olivia B.	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-019-02	Lana, Jocelyn M.	Spring Trading Company	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Lang, Huiyun	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Li, Changjun	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Li, Hongyan	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Li, Jiayi	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Li, Jing	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Li, Liang	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Li, Quan	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Li, Weilin	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Li, Xiang Hua	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Li, Xiaofeng	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Li, Yanxia	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Li, Yunli	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Lin, Ronglin	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Lin, Wenlin	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Lin, Yong	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
08-039	Liu, Dong Fan	Smart Guy Co., Ltd.	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Liu, Yan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Lorenzo, Susana L.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Lu, Xuanbo	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.

Case No.	Employee	Employer	Hearing Date	Time
07-066-04	Magbanua, Ritchel B.	ASC, Inc. dba Nagoya Star	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-053-03	Manonsong, Mario	Atalig, Felipe	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Manuzon, Lucila V.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Mariano, Winnie N.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Masangkay, Remedios E.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-060-03	Matias, Daisy P.	J & MJ Corporation	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-036-03	Moises, Eva T.	Pangelinan, Asinta	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-094-12	Monteclaro, Danilo B.	Greenstone International, Inc.	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-094-07	Mosquera, Merlita S.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-008-01	Mosuela, Ferdinand	Acosta, Carmen and Cabrera, James	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Navarro, Priscilla M.	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Nie, Ying	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-094-07	Oclarino, Agnes A.	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-004-01	Ogasawara, Naoshi	Four Nine International Co., Ltd.	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-013-01	Palabay, Andrew A.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
06-157-11	Palaganas, Edwin C.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-074-06	Parial, Aurora S.	Cabrera, Rosalia	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
06-074-06	Pesado, M. Mila C.	Cabrera, Rosalia	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Piao, Chenghu	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Rao, Zhikun	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Relucio, Luzviminda U.	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-083-07	Ren, Shusong	Mei Art, Inc.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-032-02	Reyes, Evangeline	Limes, Jackie	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Ruan, Hong Qing	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-094-12	Rubis, Imelda R.	Greenstone International, Inc.	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-054-03	Rubis, Imelda R.	New City Int'l Construction	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-094-12	Ruiz, Jenelyn B.	Greenstone International, Inc.	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-074-06	Sanarez, Shielyna S.	Cabrera, Rosalia	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-043-03	Santiago, M. Theresa	Barasi, Bienvenida C.	July 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.
06-094-07	Santos, Jeanie DLC	Handsome Textile Saipan	July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Shao, Yan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Shen, Fenhua	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-334	Taldukar, Hari N.	Yun's Corp.	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-013-01	Tucay, Benjamin O.	Elm's, Inc. dba Town & Country	July 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-057-03	Tulio, Nemencio L.	POI Aviation	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-092-11	Wang, Qin	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wang, Xiaoxia	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wang, Xiu Chun	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wu, Aihua	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Wu, Hongyan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wu, Shunyu	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wu, Taohong	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
02-031-05	Wu, Xiuping	International Li Da Corporation	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Wu, Yan	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Wu, Yanmei	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Xu, Jinji	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Xu, Long Shi	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Xu, Yan	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Xu, Yuan Ji	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Xue, Xiuqing	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Yang, Honghui	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Yang, Jianbo	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-157-11	Yanto, Rommel E.	Cabrera, Francisco C.	July 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Ye, Jizhen	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Yu, Xiangdi	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Yu, Xin Hong	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Yuan, Juxiang	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Yue, Junfang	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-026-02	Zeng, Zhaosheng	Flores, Derron G.	July 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-095-12	Zhang, Aichun	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Zhang, Changfeng	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
06-168-12	Zhang, Hui	Poong In (Spn), Inc.	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-095-12	Zhang, Hui	Poong In Saipan	July 17, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Zhang, Jianjun	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Zhang, Jinfang	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Zhang, Yuejuan	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-092-11	Zhi, Yabin	L & S Apparel, Inc.	July 16, 2008	12:00 p.m.
07-035-03	Zhu, Zhenyu	Jin Joo Corp. dba Boo Boo Office	July 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-024	Zou, Wei	Mei Li Saipan, Inc.	July 17, 2008	10:00 a.m.
08-008	Zuo, Xiu Ping	Three Nine Corporation	July 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- THOMASA I. PALACIOS and JAMES M. MENDIOLA, Defendants.	Civil Action No. 05-0101C **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Thomasa I. Palacios and James M.Mendiola in the following described, real property situated in (insert), CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 131 T 31, containing an area of 1,322 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on the Parcel Split of 131 T 08, DLS Check No. 131 T 04, an original of which was filed with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, as File No. 95-432 on February 22, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

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Dated this 26th day of June 2008.

/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER
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EDITORIAL

A cooling tower crumbles

The 60-foot-high cooling tower at North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear reactor came tumbling down in a cloud of dust Friday, producing a television picture that U.S. officials have been seeking for more than two years. The dramatic image was meant to convey the tangible results of a protracted and torturous diplomatic campaign to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons program and signal its irreversibility. In that sense there is less than met the eye. Yongbyon's shutdown is indisputably a positive development, and one that a U.S.-led coalition achieved at relatively modest cost. No longer will the facility add to a North Korean plutonium stockpile that already contained the raw material for at least eight bombs—though the plant has not yet been dismantled beyond repair. Still, the goal of disarming North Korea, far from becoming inevitable, remains distant—and the regime's repeated evasions, lies and failures to fulfill its promises strongly suggest that it has no intention of giving up its arms.

By the terms of the agreements it signed, North Korea should have supplied a full declaration of all its nuclear programs by the end of last year. Instead, the disclosure it handed over Thursday, six months late, does not acknowledge the uranium enrichment work it is known to have done—the latest evidence for which turned up, in the form of radioactive traces, on some of the documents it handed over. It does not explain its export of a nuclear reactor to Syria, a clandestine crime that continued after President Bush declared proliferation activity by the North to be a "red line." It does not say how many bombs have been fabricated from the available plutonium, though the Bush administration originally demanded that that be part of the disclosure.

In exchange for its partial compliance, Kim Jong Il's regime will get everything promised it by the international coalition, including the equivalent of 1 million tons of fuel oil and removal from the U.S. list of terrorism sponsors. Though U.S. officials said the effect is largely symbolic, it is, at least, galling to public opinion in Japan, which is still seeking answers from Pyongyang about citizens who were kidnapped and forced to live in North Korea.

With only months left in office, Bush administration officials now intend to press ahead with a new phase of negotiations that would seek to establish a plan for North Korea to turn over its weapons and plutonium in exchange for far larger U.S. concessions. The talks will go forward despite the still-outstanding questions about the uranium program and proliferation to Syria. U.S. officials say they will seek answers as part of the verification of the recent declaration. But it's safe to predict that North Korea's refusal to cooperate will continue, since there has been no consequence for it so far. Rather than lunge for a last-minute deal, the Bush administration should focus on laying a foundation for the next administration. That means establishing a principle: North Korea will receive no further concessions until it discloses its nuclear activities—including uranium enrichment, proliferation and bomb fabrication—and those disclosures are verified.

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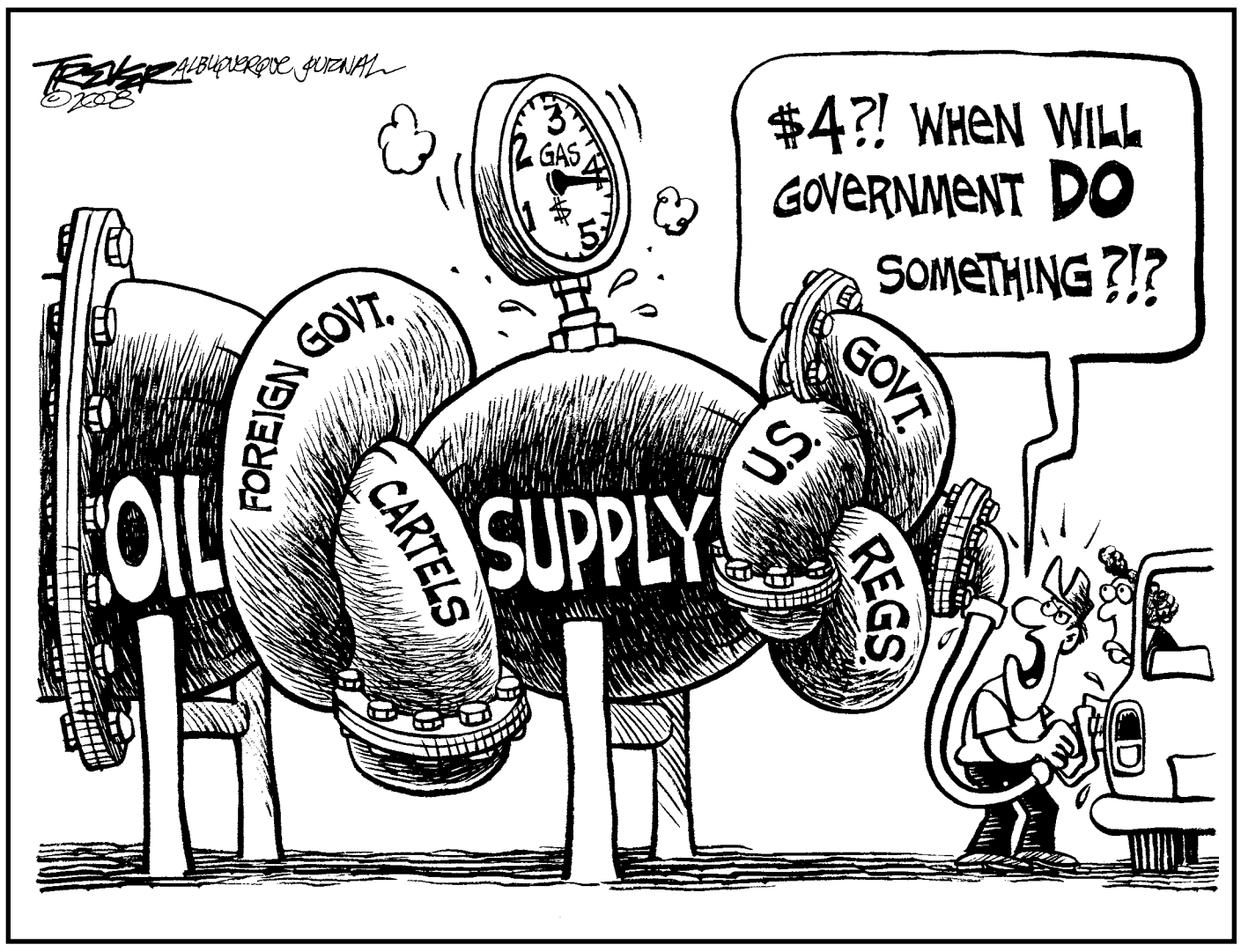

Random thoughts for the day

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, we read the headline in the *Saipan Tribune* that our government is poised to sue the U.S. government. I could not believe what I was reading. We have been living off the generous benefits of the United States for so many years. Now with the help of so-called "private money," we are now going to sue the same government that has been feeding, clothing and protecting us. This is being done because somebody doesn't like the new federalization immigration law.

It is like spitting on our father for all the kindness he has given us while growing up because he will not let us do what we want. We forget the past with all the good moments and sad ones and just rebel because we cannot have our own way. Are we so stupidly childish in our attitude? Wow! It boggles my mind!

It is true the United States has made and is still making many mistakes that many people, including me, do not like. But to think that the U.S. is going to destroy our islands and its way of life is utterly ridiculous. I have read the federalization law. I strongly urge all of you to read it also.

Why doesn't the government make it simple and tell us to do the following:

"I am requesting everyone who is native born in the CNMI to burn his/her passport in protest. We want to live like the other Pacific islands without interference from the United States. *We don't need the United States' $1,000,000 per month to feed all the people on food stamps. We don't need their CIP funds, DEQ funds, CRM funds, PSS funds and all the other funds they so generously give.* We don't care how much help they have been giving us and how much help in the future they will be giving us. We can survive on our own. Aren't we proving that now with our booming economy?"

See how simple it would be to solve the problem? Why should we listen to the United States? Yes, we can stand on our own two feet without Uncle Sam, can't we? Can we? Think about it!

But the best is that the money for the lawsuit will paid from "private sources." I recall a passage from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" when Hamlet says: "I smell something rotten in Denmark." Let's instead speak it this way: *"I smell something rotten in the CNMI!"* Think about it!

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What more is there to say about the fiasco at the CUC? Already all of us are fuming mad at this practical joke being perpetrated on us. I have a simple solution—Fire them all for incompetence and fraud! Bring in several good electrical engineers and a plant manager from outside and start anew. Train the workers better and make them responsible for inventory and ordering of parts. That is the only way that the CUC's problems will ever be corrected. Believe me it can and must be done.

From my 45 years in business, I have learned that whenever a company fails, 95 percent of its failure is due to pure management. We have had poor and incompetent managers for the past 25 years. If you think I am exaggerating than why have problems been accumulating over the years? The power plant has been deteriorating over the past 25 years that I have been on this island. Machines don't break down, people do. Think about it!

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How many of us are planning for the coming change that the federalization bill will have on our islands? Why are we so afraid of the change? Have we been so badly spoiled over the years by cheap labor? Can't we see that the world is moving on and we must move on with it? No longer can we go back to the "good old days." And anybody who thinks that we can go back should get their heads out of the sand or else their butts will be kicked over. Everything we possess, everything we do, everything in the universe changes. Nothing is static, not even death.

Many of us have grown up seeing only nonresident workers employed at cheap wages. This fact has been both a curse and a blessing. On one hand we have been able to build up our island to the point that it is quite modern with the assistance of this nonresident labor force. But on the other hand it has drained most of us local people of any desire to work. We placed the curse of the minimum wages around our necks like a cross till it strangled us. Think about it!

The thing that all of us must understand is that on Dec. 31, 2014, there will be no nonresident workers, with the exception of a few highly technical professions. This is the reason we must begin preparing ourselves to take over all the vacant jobs. We have six and half years in which we can learn trades and professions to assume all the jobs that will be available for us. We must have local accountants, nurses, electricians, chefs, beauticians, welders, etc. We will own our own businesses. We will recapture the loss of our economy. The person who controls the money is the stronger. And we have

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Letters to the Editor

The CNMI's last, best hope: A call for action

Most know me as that guy who just keeps on writing stuff about CUC—in fact, for over four years, I have been "on their back." Some may ask; "Why doesn't he just give up already?" The answer is simple; because I care, and that leads me to the reason for this letter; kind of a "last" call for action and it's all based on last Thursday nights' CBS News. You see, the lead in-depth story was a shocker: "Gas to reach $7 per gallon" screamed the headlines. Now that woke me up.

According to CBS, industry analysts now report that crude oil prices will breach $200 per barrel by 2010, a mere 18 months. What does that mean for the CNMI? For one thing $200 per bbl in the U.S. roughly translates to $230-$240 per bbl in the CNMI, so we will be paying at least between $8 and $9 per gallon for gas and electricity will hover around *eighty* cents ($0.80) per kwh—that is *if* the power plant is still operating.

What kind of effect will we fall prey to? Well, try this: no more frozen or chilled foods. Markets won't be able to afford the high cost of coolers, so all food will be fresh, canned or preserved. Markets will be "open-air" as buildings can't be cooled. Stores will open only during daylight, maybe only three days a week. Most small businesses will simply close, larger ones cut back and new ones won't exist. Sorry, we won't need any guest workers, so immigration is moot. How will you react when you discover that virtually everything you do depends on electricity, and you can't afford any more this month? What if CUC can only "turn on" your area four hours a day?

That's only a few examples of things to come. Make no mistake, it could be even worse unless something is done now. Here is my own personal call for action:

The very *first* thing everybody must do is recognize the fact that the CNMI *has only one problem*. You think Pew Trust will matter? You think the fate of municipal councils will matter? You think who gets appointed to what will matter? You think a bill re-naming a street no one ever heard of will matter? You think federalization of immigration will matter? Here's a news flash: It won't! Our elected leaders have proven themselves to be completely ineffective—and sometimes even inept—seemingly embroiled in everyday minutiae used to mask their failings or inabilities or unwillingness to cope with real life-threatening conditions.

At one time, the Governor wanted to cover Saipan with windmills, and then he was off to Pagan to ship in geothermal power. Now he's off to who knows where for who knows what. No one on his staff has been any better, using "spin" to promise a coming miracle as if the governor were Moses and we now reside on Mt. Sinai waiting for the burning bush to speak, and legislators, though just beginning to wake up, are still running around chasing tails without direction. These problems are, at least in part, the result of years of hunger for notoriety, power and greed born of familial politics instead of professional expertise, advice or legitimate research; and always willing to cater to the sometimes whimsical desires of powerful families with vested interests and political "connections."

The rest of the world is facing similar problems too. It's high time we quit looking over our shoulders and pointing the finger of wrath at "garments," *they* did it; "JAL or Continental," *they* did it; "the world oil market," *they* did it; "federalization of immigration," *they* did it. Maybe *they* did—so what? When *they* do it to the rest of the world, the rest of the world acts and adjusts—*we are not responding*, preferring instead to play the poor victim. Well, I'm tired of being the victim.

The *second* thing to do is to round up a small (3-5 only) "commission" of the finest minds we can find in (or out of) the CNMI. No politicians, no G.O.B.'s (Good Ol' Boys), no "scientists" versed in a single field, no "consultants"; just the best, most well-educated people available in (or out of) the CNMI. Task them to formulate, within 60 days, and pursue a *plan* for the energy future of each island. More on that later.

Next, the Legislature must *dissolve* CUC in its entirety. You think that can't be done? Think again. At the same time, the Legislature must create new and independent (of each other) power and water companies on each island subject only to rate and service oversight by the PUC. Of course, there will have to be a "transition" period while CUC actually disappears and the "new" systems take over. When I say *dissolve* CUC, I mean all of it: loans, notes, debts, facilities, *everything* except the power and water distribution system on each island. Get this through your head, Mr. Muña: *It has no value!*

The bungling and complete idiocy of previous and current attempts at "privatization" is agonizingly clear as far too many try to preserve their piece of the pie or add details of CNMI minutiae so blatantly absurd that no reasonably capable Independent Power Producer would give a second look—and so reputations are established. We have established that reputation and now we need a "clean" approach—*hand's off*!

So, what will our "commission of 3-5" look at and pursue to invitation? We already know the problem—no studies needed. This, my friends, in my humble view, is what is left for the CNMI:

1. Forget "wind power". The rule is simple and well established: you *cannot* utilize a nature-dependent power source as the primary load. It's extremely costly and not as environmentally friendly as some would have you believe. Relegate wind to its rightful position: that of a private, supplemental source for individuals or small businesses through an active system of net-metering.

2. Forget "solar". For the same reasons and purposes as wind.

> "The very first thing everybody must do is recognize the fact that the CNMI has only one problem."

3. Forget continued reliance on "oil". Duh! This is a no-brainer, no matter how you "mitigate" it!

4. Forget "geothermal". It is extremely costly to discover, test, evaluate and open a new geothermal field—and takes years, and you gotta pay for it yourself even if it turns out to be a dry hole! To even think of getting geothermal power brought by undersea cable from a distant point to the people in such a *small* market is folly at best.

5. Forget "ocean wave/tidal energy." It's still "pie-in-the-sky" (sorry, Tim, hook your dreams to something else)—many years from real production and as yet unable to overcome the battering forces of ocean waves greater than 35-40 feet (think small typhoon). It occupies huge ocean surfaces for small output.

6. Forget "biomass." There just isn't enough space in all the CNMI together to produce sufficient "fuel."

7. Forget "garbage to power" conversion. Again, there just isn't sufficient volume of "fuel", unless, however, you want to *import* somebody else's garbage (Ugh! The very thought!).

8. To Be Determined: "Coal." Coal *was* on my list of real possibilities—until recently. Why not now? Again this past week, two CBS News reports indicated: a) sharp rises in the price of coal due to demand and, b) 63 newly planned coal plants in the U.S. have been cancelled because the scientific community just announced that it has been unable to efficiently or effectively "capture" the huge amounts of CO2 gas emissions from the burning of coal. New restrictions on such emissions, the single number one contributor to global climate change, may soon make new coal plants untenable unless and until new technology figures it out—years away. But, I still believe we should at least give coal a chance to compare with the next three.

Thus, I believe we are left with *three* very realistic and promising possibilities:

9. "Natural Gas." Facilities run by natural gas are clean, easy to construct and enjoy rapid installation. Their gas turbines produce clean power efficiently and at very reasonable rates (5 to 8 cents per kwh). Natural gas is an abundant and clean fuel found worldwide and shipment and storage of liquefied natural gas should not present large problems. Excess imported natural gas can be used in the home to run clean and cheap appliances and other industrial uses, thus spreading the cost of import. A reliable IPP would readily invest in such a venture if *not* encumbered by political skeletons of past CNMI blundering.

10. "Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion" or OTEC. Here is a system that has shown proven results over 20 years or more. First envisioned in 1975, only two sites in the world were considered for the initial tests: a) Hawaii (who won the bid) and, b) Saipan. Although considered the *best* choice, Saipan lost this opportunity through political blundering. This system now has the capacity to be just what we need. It is reliable, exceptionally clean, well suited to our area, relatively easy and inexpensive to install and available for rapid installation. It also carries with it even greater "side" benefits for agricultural and aquaculture development. Vast quantities of temperate climate fish, algae, and land based crops can be grown in tropical settings and large quantities of pure, clean fresh water can be salvaged. There is a major IPP (in Hawaii) just waiting for a chance to prove itself through investment in the CNMI.

11. "Nuclear." Just coming into its own and born of proven technological know-how, the newest generation IV, small, passive, modular plants were developed explicitly for markets like the CNMI. They are the safest and cheapest of all modern power sources. They use *no* indigenous natural resources and emit *nothing*. Safety is built in by the laws of physics—not man-made controls. There is also a great "side" benefit in that such plants can easily be outfitted to produce large quantities of clean, cheap hydrogen gas, which in turn, also produces large quantities of clean fresh water. Hydrogen will be the next generation of "fuel" that moves our transportation systems. Already Honda and Mercedes have placed over 1,000 experimental hydrogen driven personal cars on the streets of the U.S. Under current production techniques, hydrogen gas is still expensive, and not readily available, at a cost comparison to gasoline of about $3.50 per gallon. But Generation IV nuclear plants can lower that cost to only about 40 *cents* per gallon. There are at least two IPPs ready and willing to invest in such a plant in the CNMI.

I truly believe that one, two or all three of these technologies can be developed and installed in the CNMI with little or no "up-front" cost to the CNMI and in time to prevent our collapse from the onslaught that has manifested itself and will continue to erode our very existence. I believe Mr. Muña is wrong when he says changing our power system requires a lot of capital we don't have. The key to real success is in using "somebody else's" money—and you can't do that with a blundering, inept, corrupted and meddlesome political system dictating the terms.

I sincerely hope that our "leaders" won't interpret this as some insufferable "outsider" trying to tell them what to do. It is merely my suggestions based on four years of observations, pleadings, research and a deep abiding desire to do the right thing. This is *my* "call to action" and a firm plea as the last, best hope for the CNMI.

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.
San Jose, Tinian

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been losing our economy so far. But a bright new future is ahead. Think about it!

What many of us do not realize that all of the above trades and professions will afford us great opportunities for a higher income and increased happiness than we are realizing now by employing nonresident workers. It is not that I am against any outside cheap labor force, but it is time to look in the mirror and see the reflection of what it has done to us. Think about it!

With all the yapping about "this is our land, these are our customs," do you really think they must not be earned and fought for daily by the skill of our hands and the sweat of our brows?

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I am very optimistic about the future of the CNMI and our people if we grasp the exciting future. Someone recently sent me the following quote: *"The past is a ghost, the future is a dream, and all we ever have is now." Let us embrace the future. Have faith in it!*

Let's put the Trust Territory days to rest. Let's put the garment industry days to rest. Let's put the cheap nonresident labor days to rest. Instead let's lift our eyes up to the horizon and marvel at the shining bright future and embrace it for all it holds for us.

Cast away the fear of change and recognize that change is what life is all about. We, the people, will succeed if only we believe and adapt ourselves. Change is natural. Don't fight it. Bend with it. Accept it.

Change is the only reality we have. To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often. Think about it!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼70
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼75

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲54	▼48
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲85	▼74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼60
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Thunderstorms	▲56	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼76
New York	Thundershowers	▲83	▼66
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼67
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼65
Pusan	Partly Sunny	▲79	▼66
Rome	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼67
Salem	Partly Sunny	▲85	▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼56
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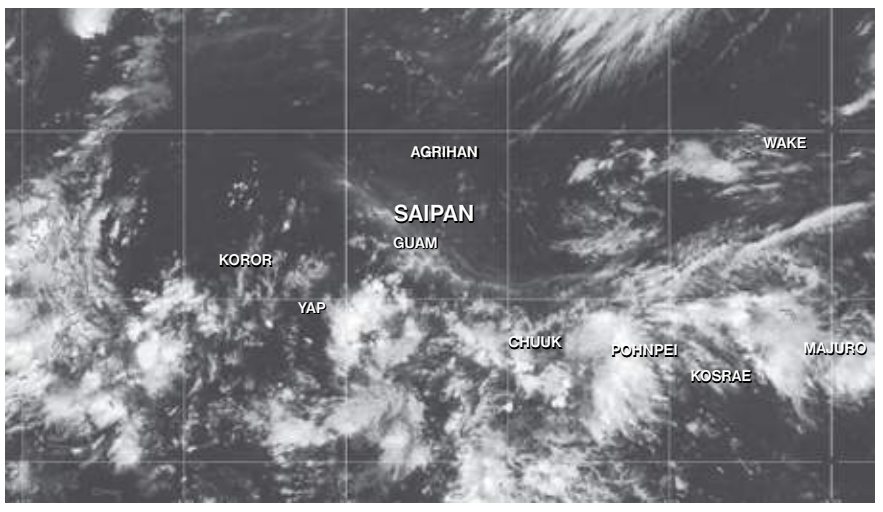
Tokyo	Showers	▲75	▼63
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲83	▼64

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 5N130E through a weak circulation centered near 5N144E then southeastward to end at EQ147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the trough are occurring southwest of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 10N130E to 1N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation are found between Yap and Chuuk between the equator and 10N from 139E to 145E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in a broad area including Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states and the Republic of the Marshall Islands within an area bounded by a line from EQ147E to 8N147E to 10N168E to 4N180 to 3N168E to 5N161E to EQ155E back to EQ147E. Scattered showers are also present well northeast of Majuro within 150 miles of a line from 14N175E to 10N180. An upper-level low is centered east of the Marianas near 16N156E. Upper-level divergence north and east of the low is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just west of Wake Island within an area bounded by a line from 18N155E to 19N155E to 19N165E to 15N167E back to 18N155E. Another upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island near 24N173E. Scattered showers associated with the low are located within 60 miles of a line from 21N169E to 22N173E to 25N174E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
3:32AM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:15AM Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
6:35PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:12PM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:50AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:51AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:25AM	3:51PM
Tuesday	3:22AM	4:59PM
Wednesday	4:27AM	6:06PM
Thursday	5:34AM	7:09PM
Friday	6:42AM	8:04PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO 9313	8:30am	9:05am	3,4,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9597	8:30am	9:20am	1,2,5,6
CO9313	8:30am	10:00am	3,4,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily via Nagoya
NW 075	4:45pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Manila

CO 895	4:45pm	6:35pm	6
CO 895	6:45pm	8:35pm	3

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,4,5,7

Guam-Manila

CO 891	6:00am	10:30am	3 via Yap and Koror
CO 893	6:30am	8:05am	6
CO 893	8:25am	10:00am	2,7
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

Saipan-Guanzhou

CZ 3008	5:00am	8:00am	2,6

Guam-Hongkong

CO 909	6:40pm	9:25pm	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	10:15am	10:45am	1,2,6

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Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	11:10am	11:45am	1,2,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9598	10:15am	11:45am	1,2,6 via Rota
CO9600	10:45am	11:35am	3,4,5,7
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:55pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily via Nagoya

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Manila-Saipan

CO 890	9:15am	2:55pm	6
CO 890	11:45am	5:35pm	3

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:30pm	2,4,6,7
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	3,4,6,7

Manila-Guam

CO 894	11:20am	4:55pm	2,7
CO 894	7:45pm	1:20am+1	6
CO 892	9:45pm	6:30am+1	3 via Koror and Yap
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

Guanzhou-Saipan

CZ 3007	8:00pm	4:00am+1	1,5

Hongkong-Guam

CO 910	10:35pm	5:15am+1	1,5

Rota-Guam

CO 9313	9:30am	10:00am	3,4,7

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Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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Business

Credit scores hit by card limits

NEW YORK (AP)—Just as Americans grow more reliant on credit cards to help pay monthly bills, they're being hit with a one-two punch: Card companies are reducing borrowing limits for tens of thousands of consumers, which then can lead to lower credit scores.

Those facing this predicament might not even know it until they apply for a loan or another credit card, and then get denied because their credit score has dropped.

This is an unintended consequence of the financial world's widespread ratcheting down of risk. Banks and other card lenders are trying to better protect themselves from more massive losses like those they've seen from subprime mortgages.

As a result, they are looking for ways to reduce their exposure to cardholders more likely to default. That's why they are lowering credit limits, which means they are reducing the maximum amount of credit extended to an individual, along with boosting card interest rates and allowing fewer balance transfers.

"This is what they have to do at this time," said John Hall, a spokesman for the American Bankers Association, a Washington-based trade group.

Such moves come as consumers are increasingly using their credit cards as a source of liquidity, especially since it's becoming harder to tap their home equity as much to pay for everything from renovations to vacations to trips to the mall. As the housing and mortgage markets have collapsed, lenders have also reduced the limits on what are known as home equity lines of credit, or HELOCs.

Net home equity extraction fell nearly 60 percent from a year earlier to $205 billion in the first quarter, according to Merrill Lynch. The investment bank also notes that some $1.2 trillion in equity and housing wealth was wiped out in the first quarter alone because of plunging home values.

At the same time, revolving credit usage—which includes credit cards—accelerated sharply to a year-over-year growth rate of about 8 percent in recent months. That's the fastest rate in seven years and well ahead of the 2 to 3 percent rate of growth from 2004 through 2006 when home equity lines of credit were a bigger source of cash for consumers, according to Merrill.

Oil remains the wild card in predicting a stock rebound

NEW YORK (AP)—Investors who remember the stock market's steep and prolonged decline earlier this decade may be wondering if the recovery from Wall Street's current morass will also take several years to accomplish.

The dot-com bust, terrorist attacks, recession and corporate wrongdoing combined to send stocks plunging in 2002. Today's market has some similar problems, in particular the troubled economy and a devastated industry—this time, it's the financial sector. But there's one variable that may be impossible to resolve: oil prices that have more than doubled in a year and show no signs of abating.

"The economic gloom is far greater today then it was in 2002 because we have concern about worldwide inflation and what oil is going to do to the economy," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at Wachovia Securities. "The problem for investors is when all of this is going to end, and the bottom line is nobody knows. Nostradamus wouldn't have known, neither would Albert Einstein."

Crude oil has risen nearly 44 percent in the past five months, and OPEC's president said this week he believes oil could rise to between $150 and $170 a barrel this summer; it closed at a record high past $142 a barrel on Friday. That's still lower then the $200 peak recently forecast by economists at investment bank Goldman Sachs.

The uncertainty about where energy prices are going makes it harder for economists to make forecasts. Many believe the high price of energy will eventually reverse after oil goes so high that demand shrivels and supplies increase—but calculating a timeline is difficult.

That leaves investors "just along for the ride," Wachovia's Goldman said.

AP

Traders crowd the post that handles Visa on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday June 27, 2008.

Reports: Siemens to cut 17,200 jobs

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Conglomerate Siemens AG, wracked by a wide-ranging corruption scandal, will cut up to 4 percent of its work force worldwide, or about 17,200 jobs, a pair of newspapers reported Saturday.

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported that the Munich-based company was set to shed the jobs - mostly white-collar and administrative - without citing any sources. The Wall Street Journal also reported a similar figure, citing a person who was familiar with the matter.

Siemens did not comment on either report, only to say that it did not comment on market rumors.

The German paper said that of the cuts to the company's global work force of approximately 435,000 staffers, some 6,400 could come in Germany, where it employs around 136,000 people.

Both papers said the company cited the rough economic conditions worldwide as one reason for the cuts, but Siemens CEO Peter Loescher warned earlier this year that the company faced a bumpy road.

Chinese investor pays $2 million to eat with Buffett

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A Chinese investment fund manager won the chance to have lunch with billionaire Warren Buffett by bidding $2.1 million in the most expensive charity auction ever held on eBay.

Buffett

Zhao Danyang of the Hong Kong-based Pureheart China Growth Investment Fund won the auction, which ended Friday evening with a bid of $2,110,100.

A spokeswoman for the Glide Foundation, which receives all the proceeds from the auction, identified the winner Saturday.

It appears that Zhao and Buffett share a similar investment philosophy. But Zhao could not be reached Saturday, and no one answered the phone at Buffett's Omaha office.

The auction will provide a significant boost to Glide, which provides social services to the poor and homeless in San Francisco. The foundation operates on a $12 million annual budget, spokeswoman Denise Lamott said.

"It almost feels like a miracle," Glide's founder Reverend Cecil Williams said in a statement. "We are amazed and ready to continue our work of breaking the cycles of poverty."

Last year's lunch brought in $650,100.

A group of Glide staff members and supporters gathered in a small hotel ballroom Friday to watch the auction results. Lamott said there were shouts of celebration when the bids topped $1 million.

"It was absolutely unbelievable," Lamott said.

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06-155-11	Arcos, M. Digna M.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
06-161-12	Arellano, M. Loreta M.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
06-146-11	Barraquias, Benefredo B.	July 15, 2008	12:00 pm
LC 07-330	Buerano, Razon M.	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
06-009-02	Casilla, Annie Par	July 15, 2008	11:00a.m.
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Nation

River inundates Mo. town, residents flee

WINFIELD, Mo. (AP)—A makeshift barrier holding back the Mississippi River failed early Saturday, swamping the low-lying part of the small community of Winfield and ending a valiant but ultimately doomed battle against the surging river.

About 300 National Guard soldiers worked nearly 20 hours to build a levee around a cluster of 100 homes in the flood plain after the river ripped through another levee there early Friday. Officials hoped the barrier would keep the water at bay long enough for it to recede.

It didn't. Still, those in the town of 720 people said they won't forget the heroic effort to try saving the neighborhood.

"I figured it was a long shot," said Jan Fox, 50, who finally left her mobile home Friday night when her power went out. She called the show of support overwhelming.

"It was wonderful, all the people who came, the sandbaggers, the military," she said.

Around town Saturday, gratitude for the last-ditch effort was mixed with a feeling of resignation. Many were ready to move forward.

"It was a valiant effort," said Chris Azar of the Winfield-Foley Fire Department. "It's unfortunate that we couldn't do more, but Mother Nature won. Now, just give it time for the water to recede."

AP

A sandbag wall, built by the Missouri National Guard, was not enough to hold back the floodwaters of the Mississippi River, Saturday, June 28, 2008 in Winfield, Mo.

At a Red Cross shelter at Winfield High School, the sound of hundreds of volunteers' shovels hitting sand and backhoes transporting sandbags had been a fixture for days. On Saturday the lot was largely quiet, while National Guard troops slept on cots inside after working through the night. A handful of residents, like Fox, began to make plans to stay with family or friends to wait out the river rise.

The new barrier had a steel frame with layers of dirt, plastic and sandbags. But water began seeping below and through around midnight, and it was clear in the hours before sunrise it was not going to hold.

At least 60 homes in the cluster were flooded, Azar said, although authorities were still assessing the damage.

Many other homes in Winfield sit on a hill above the river and are well out of harm's way.

Winfield, 45 miles northwest of St. Louis, is in Lincoln County, which has been particularly hard hit by flooding caused by torrential rain that fell across the Midwest in early June.

County emergency operations spokesman Andy Binder said 92 homes have been destroyed and 36 others have major damage; 650 can't be evaluated yet because they remain inaccessible.

In nearby Foley, the mayor requested that anyone who doesn't live there stay out of town. The wake caused by vehicles driving through floodwaters was causing more problems for already damaged homes.

The Mississippi is receding at Winfield and towns to the north but remains well above flood stage. Crests are expected reach St. Louis on Monday and Cape Girardeau in southeastern Missouri on Wednesday.

Cape Girardeau, where the river's flood stage is 32 feet, is expected to see a crest of 42.5 feet. At that level, some residents will have to leave and 100,000 acres of farmland will be flooded, the National Weather Service said.

Elsewhere in the state, heavy rain drenched much of southwestern Missouri early Saturday, causing widespread flooding of low-lying areas and roads.

Smoky skies threaten health in Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Hundreds of lightning-sparked wildfires have turned the air of Northern California into an unhealthy stew of smoke and ash, forcing the cancellation of athletic events and other outdoor activities.

Health advisories urging residents to stay indoors to limit exposure to the smokey air were issued Saturday from Bakersfield north to Redding, a distance of nearly 450 miles.

Air pollution readings in the region are two to 10 times the federal standard for clean air, said Dimitri Stanich, spokesman for the California Air Resources Board.

Some areas are experiencing the worst air quality on record, with the smoke hanging down to the ground like a fog.

Air quality agencies are especially concerned about small-particle pollution. The tiniest particles can penetrate past the body's immune defenses, traveling deep into the lungs and the bloodstream.

"When you have it on the scale we are seeing now, it is very dangerous to the general public health," Stanich said. "This is a very serious problem."

Changing weather brought smoke-clearing breezes and brief relief to some areas Saturday, but it could also bring lightning storms similar to the ones that ignited fires across Northern California a week ago.

Thunderstorms could strike anywhere in the northern Sierra Nevada or the northern Central Valley on Saturday night, said National Weather Service forecaster Johnnie Powell in Sacramento.

Teen killed by roller coaster in Ga.

AUSTELL, Ga. (AP) -- A teenager was decapitated by a roller coaster after he hopped a pair of fences and entered a restricted area Saturday at Six Flags Over Georgia, authorities said.

Six Flags officials are uncertain why the unidentified 17-year-old from Columbia, S.C. scaled two six-foot fences and passed signs that said the restricted area was both off-limits and dangerous to visitors, spokeswoman Hela Sheth said in a news release.

Authorities were investigating reports from witnesses who said the teenager jumped the fences to retrieve a hat he lost while riding the Batman roller coaster, said Cobb County police Sgt. Dana Pierce. Police have declined to release the teenager's name until an autopsy is completed.

The teen was struck and killed by the roller coaster "while it was in operation," according to the park's news release. Police said the ride was going full-speed when the teen was struck. The ride's top speed is 50 mph, according to the park's Web site.

No one riding on the roller coaster was injured, Sheth said. The teen was with another boy who also entered the restricted area but was not injured, Pierce said.

Six Flags said it closed the roller coaster after the Saturday afternoon accident out of respect for the teen's family. The ride is expected to reopen on Monday, a spokeswoman said.

The teen and his parents were at the park with a group from the Oakey Spring Baptist Church near Springfield, S.C., police said. There was no answer to a phone call to the church Saturday night.

Transplant recipient completes Yosemite ascent

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP)—A heart transplant survivor has added another first to her long string of mountaineering feats since getting a new heart 13 years ago - a dangerous 2 1/2-day climb up the sheer, 2,000-foot face of Half Dome, Yosemite National Park's famed granite monolith.

Kelly Perkins, 46, and her husband, Craig, led by big-wall guide Scott Stowe, began the climb Thursday and reached the top of the iconic 8,842-foot-high dome Saturday afternoon.

The ascent completed an important circle for her. In 1996, 10 months out of the hospital with her new heart, she finished the first of many post-transplant climbs by hiking up the easier backside of Half Dome.

"I feel great. Physically, I feel I'm stronger than I've ever been," Perkins said by cell phone from the top of Half Dome. "It was a great full circle for me to climb the other side. It was a tricky climb, but it also was a very interesting and beautiful climb."

AP

This photo released by Kelly Perkins and Serac Adventure Films, Kelly Perkins climbs Half Dome in Yosemite National Park, Calif on Saturday June 28, 2008.

Since 1996, Perkins has become the first person with another person's heart to summit some of the world's best-known peaks—California's Mount Whitney, Switzerland's Matterhorn, Japan's Mount Fuji, Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro and the face of Yosemite's El Capitan. She also climbed a remote peak in the Andes, near Argentina's border with Chile, and New Zealand's Mount Rolling Pin.

Perkins says she chose Half Dome for her latest climb "because it's broken in half but it still stands strong. There's a spirit-building message there. You may not be 100 percent, but you can still be as strong as others. I'm out there doing things and not worried about being within driving distance of the nearest hospital."

ACROSS THE NATION

Omaha residents face up to a week without power

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Nebraska's largest city struggled Saturday to restore power to thousands of residents a day after a severe storm damaged homes, uprooted trees and killed two people in a neighboring community. It could take a week to fully restore electricity after high winds from Friday's storm, officials said. The storm is one of the worst the Omaha Public Power District has dealt with, said CEO Gary Gates. Nearly 50,000 customers remained without power Saturday afternoon, utility spokesman Jeff Hanson said. At the peak of the failures, 126,000 customers lacked electricity.

Anglican conservatives launch liberal challenge

NEW YORK (AP)—Conservatives from the world's largest Anglican provinces who are angered by liberal thinking in churches in North America and elsewhere plan to create a global fellowship that challenges worldwide Anglican unity but stops short of a formal split. The plan is expected to be adopted Sunday on the final day of the Global Anglican Future Conference in Jerusalem. The summit was called by Anglican leaders in Africa and parts of North America and Australia outraged by what they consider a "false gospel" in liberal churches. Opponents played down the significance of the new fellowship, contending the Anglican Communion already has networks of like-minded churches. But theological conservatives insist they are at the beginning of a movement that will alter the centuries-old Anglican family.

New meaning for San Francisco gay pride parade

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Given San Francisco's sizable role in initiating the lawsuits that led California's highest court to strike down the state's bans on same-sex marriage, the city's 38th annual gay pride festival and parade is likely to draw huge crowds this weekend, tourism officials say. With 259 marriage license appointments and 284 reservations for wedding ceremonies scheduled at the San Francisco county clerk's office, Friday was on pace to be the city's busiest day for weddings since gay marriage became legal earlier this month. There were 202 license appointments and 115 weddings performed on June 17, the first full day that gay and lesbian couples could get married in California.

Asia

Pakistan launches strike at Taliban hideouts

KHYBER AGENCY, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's newly elected government launched the first major assault against militants in the country's volatile northwest on Saturday, destroying a militant leader's headquarters and shelling suspected hide-outs of other fighters.

The offensive in the Khyber tribal region appeared to mark a refinement in strategy by the new government, backing its calls for peace deals in the tribal areas along the Afghan border with the threat of forceful action against militants who get out of line.

The United States said such deals were giving militants the freedom to regroup for attacks on U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. With growing militant threats to the nearby Pakistani city of Peshawar - and to the key Khyber supply route for U.S. forces in Afghanistan - Pakistan took action.

Late Friday, 700 troops from the paramilitary Frontier Corps moved into Kyber in preparation for the offensive, a round-the-clock curfew was imposed in the Bara area, and heavy contingents of troops blocked the main road from Peshawar into Kyber, local officials said.

By Saturday afternoon, the Frontier Corps began shelling suspected militant hide-outs in the mountains, local official Muhammad Siddiq Khan said.

Authorities blew up the headquarters of militant leader Menghal Bagh in a scene broadcast on national television. Bagh fled to the remote Tirah Valley along the Afghan border, a military intelligence official in the frontier said, speaking on condition of anonymity because identifying himself would compromise his work.

In recent weeks, Bagh's fighters waged attacks in Peshawar in what provincial officials say was an attempt to prove they wield influence outside the tribal regions and to intimidate the population. Bagh's followers also have been accused of threatening supply convoys bound for coalition troops in Afghanistan.

Maj. Gen. Alam Khattak, head of the Frontier Corps, said his troops destroyed three militant centers in Bara and killed one attacker in the operation, which was expected to last up to a week.

AP

A pall of smoke and debris rises from the ground during a bombardment by Pakistan's paramilitary force, using heavy artillery to bombard hide-outs of suspected militants during a crackdown operation in Bara Akakheil in Pakistan's tribal area of Khyber on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

RP divers head to sunken ferry to remove cargo of pesticides

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Commercial divers headed to a sunken Philippine ferry Saturday to remove a toxic cargo before authorities can resume retrieving hundreds of bodies believed trapped inside the ship.

Transportation Undersecretary Maria Elena Bautista said the divers will first determine whether the wreck of the ferry, which capsized in a typhoon a week ago with more than 850 people on board, is stable before they cut a hole in the hull. That would allow them to pull out a 40-foot (12-meter) steel container with 22,000 pounds (10,000 kilograms) of the pesticide endosulfan.

The government learned about the cargo only after it was informed by Del Monte Philippines, which was to use it on its pineapple plantations in the south. Officials halted the retrieval operations Friday fearing for the safety of 103 divers, including eight U.S. servicemen.

Most of the local divers have been sent to Manila for medical tests for possible contamination.

The chemical is used to kill mites in pineapples but can be lethal to humans. Bautista said ferry owner Sulpicio Lines violated maritime rules that prohibit carrying toxic or hazardous materials on passenger vessels.

The government has advised the public not to eat fish caught in the area where the ferry capsized off central Sibuyan island.

Bautista said initial laboratory tests showed there was no water contamination around the ferry. Another test has been conducted but the results were not immediately available, she said.

Retrieval of the bodies will resume only after the toxic cargo is removed, she said.

Sri Lanka: New fighting kills 43

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Government troops captured a Tamil Tiger rebel-held village in war-ravaged northern Sri Lanka on Saturday while infantry clashes across the region killed 40 rebels and three soldiers, the military said.

Fighting has escalated in the Indian Ocean island in recent months as government forces try to fulfill a pledge to crush the insurgents by the end of the year.

In the latest fighting, army troops took control of Parappakadattan village in Mannar district on Saturday, said military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara.

He said guerrillas had almost vacated the area when army troops advanced into the village, where rebels had maintained a training base and office complex.

On Friday, troops captured Andankulam town in Mannar after a battle that killed 28 rebels and one soldier, the military said. On Thursday, troops seized a key supply base in Vavuniya district that had been used to replenish the Tamil Tigers' front-line troops, it said.

Nanayakkara said the capture of those rebel-held areas was strategically important for government troops to gain control of the rebels' northern strongholds.

Other battles Friday killed 12 rebels and one soldier in the Welioya region, while in the northern Jaffna peninsula, a soldier died in a roadside bomb blast blamed on the rebels, Nanayakkara said.

The military says fighting over the past week has killed 220 rebels and 22 soldiers. Analysts accuse both sides of exaggerating their enemy's losses and underreporting their own casualties.

Rebel spokesman Rasiah Ilanthirayan was not immediately available for comment.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Typhoon kills 14 in China, destroys 1,200 homes

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese media say Tropical Storm Fengshen has killed at least 14 people in southern China. The storm hit China this past week after killing at least 540 people in the Philippines. Chinese authorities say the storm destroyed more than 1,200 houses and damaged roads, crops and power lines in Guangdong province, which abuts Hong Kong. The government's Xinhua News Agency said Saturday that 14 people were killed and nine others were missing, but gave no details. It said economic losses totaled 1.2 billion yuan (US$175 million).

Chinese protesters torch buildings

BEIJING (AP)—Villagers set fire to a police station and a government office in southwest China to protest an official ruling on a student's death, state media and a villager said Sunday. The violence erupted Saturday afternoon in Weng'an, a county in Guizhou province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Residents also torched office buildings and some cars. The report said the people were angry over a ruling on how a student died but it did not provide details on what the official finding was or how the girl died. Headlines on Chinese bulletin boards said the girl had been raped and murdered but the postings could not be opened, an indication the items were considered sensitive and had been removed.

18 dead recovered from Indonesia plane

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers recovered all 18 bodies Saturday from the wreckage of an Indonesian military plane that crashed into a jungle-clad mountain, a military official said. Air force spokesman Chaeruddin Ray said none of the victims had been identified. Among the passengers were a Singaporean, an Indian and a Briton working for the Singapore-based company Credent Technology. They were testing new camera equipment on the Casa-212 plane when it went down Thursday during an aerial surveillance mission. The wreckage was spotted Friday on the rugged, steep slopes of Salak Mountain, 60 miles from the capital, Jakarta, but search and rescue teams were not able to reach the site until early Saturday.

Malaysia's Anwar accused of sodomy

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was accused Saturday of sodomizing a man, police said, sparking speculation that he might be arrested on the same charge that led to his imprisonment a decade ago.

Anwar, who resurrected his political career after leading the opposition to spectacular gains in the March 8 elections, denied the allegation, calling it a "complete fabrication."

"This is clearly a desperate attempt by the ... regime to arrest the movement of the Malaysian people towards freedom, democracy and justice," the 60-year-old former deputy prime minister said.

Anwar claimed the report was engineered by "interested parties" to prevent him from exposing the national police chief and the attorney general for their alleged role in having him accused of corruption and sodomy in 1998.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi insisted the government was not responsible for the accusation, saying there was no conspiracy "to cause (Anwar) trouble or harass him or raise such issues to undermine him."

Abdullah declined to say whether Anwar would be arrested. Asked about Anwar's denial, Abdullah said it "was common for an accused person" to claim he was innocent.

World

Al-Qaida says it was behind Anbar attack

BAGHDAD (AP) -- An al-Qaida front organization claimed responsibility Saturday for a suicide bombing that killed more than 20 people - including three Marines - as the U.S. military stepped up pressure on extremists in northern Iraq.

The Islamic State of Iraq posted the claim on a militant Web site, saying the bomber blew himself up among a gathering of the "heads of apostasy"—a reference to U.S.-backed Sunni tribal leaders who were attending a meeting Thursday in Karmah, 20 miles west of Baghdad.

"They sold their souls to the American devil for a cheap price," the statement said. "Therefore, the soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq have launched an open war against them."

The dead included the commander of Marines in the area, Lt. Col. Max A. Galeai of Pago Pago, American Samoa, as well as the mayor of Karmah, several key tribal figures and two interpreters, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

It could not be determined if the statement was actually issued by the Islamic State, which is an al-Qaida-controlled coalition of Sunni extremist groups.

However, U.S. officials suspected al-Qaida was behind the attack as part of a campaign of revenge against Sunni community leaders who turned against the terror movement and cooperated with U.S. and Iraqi authorities.

The Sunni revolt against al-Qaida, which gained steam two years ago, cost the terror movement much of its base in vast Anbar province, the heartland of Iraqi's Sunni Arab community and former center-stage of the Sunni insurgency against U.S.-led coalition forces.

The Karmah attack happened two days before U.S. officials planned to formally hand over security responsibility for Anbar to the Iraqis - a sign of the security transformation in the largest of Iraq's 18 provinces.

U.S. authorities postponed the ceremony Friday because of forecast sandstorms, which struck Anbar and areas of western Baghdad as predicted Saturday.

Also Saturday, Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry announced that a 20-year-old serviceman from the former Soviet republic had been killed near the Anbar city of Haditha, where that country's troops guard a hydroelectric dam on the Euphrates River.

A ministry statement said the service member died Friday but did not give a cause of death. Azerbaijan had about 150 troops in Iraq and the soldier was the first to have died in Iraq.

Elsewhere, the U.S. command said American and Iraqi soldiers stepped up pressure this weekend on al-Qaida and other Sunni militants across northern Iraq.

Bush: More penalties against Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Zimbabwe came under threat of further sanctions on Saturday as President Bush said the U.S. was working on new ways to punish longtime leader Robert Mugabe and his allies following the widely denounced presidential runoff election.

Earlier Saturday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. plans to introduce a U.N. resolution as early as next week seeking tough measures against Zimbabwe.

"We will press for strong action by the United Nations, including an arms embargo on Zimbabwe and travel ban on regime officials," Bush said in a statement issued while he spent the weekend at Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland.

The European Union said it would not rule out taking sanctions against "those responsible for the tragic events of recent months," according to an EU presidency statement.

Friday's runoff election was widely condemned by African and other world leaders. Mugabe was the only candidate and observers said the few Zimbabweans who went to the polls did so only out of fear.

According to human rights groups, at least 86 people died and some 200,000 were forced from their homes. Most of the violence was blamed on police, soldiers and Mugabe militants. There were reports of victims being beaten for hours and bodies mutilated. When the main targets could not be found, relatives—elderly parents, young siblings—were attacked.

"The international community has condemned the Mugabe regime's ruthless campaign of politically motivated violence and intimidation with a strong and unified voice that makes clear that yesterday's election was in no way free and fair," Bush said.

Iran opposition group: US terror listing unjust

PARIS (AP)—Thousands of supporters of an Iranian opposition group called on the European Union and the United States to remove the organization from terror blacklists at a massive rally Saturday outside Paris.

The Paris-based National Council Resistance of Iran—an umbrella group that includes the blacklisted People's Mujahedeen of Iran, or PMOI—held the rally at an exhibition center in the northern Villepinte suburb just days after Britain removed PMOI from its list of banned terror groups.

But National Council leader Maryam Rajavi said the group's status in the U.S. and EU was hindering its ability to fight for regime change in Iran.

In a speech at the Paris rally, she called the terrorist labels "unjust."

"Do not deprive the world from the most effective means to combat the religious fascism and terrorism," Rajavi, dressed in a blue suit and headscarf, told the boisterous crowd. "Instead, side with those who can bring the Iranian people freedom."

Although the PMOI participated in Iran's Islamic Revolution, it later became opposed to the clerical government. Members of the group moved to Iraq in the early 1980s and fought Iran's Islamic rulers from there until the United States invaded in 2003.

American troops have since disarmed thousands of PMOI members, and the group said it renounced violence several years ago.

The National Council said more than 70,000 people attended Saturday's rally, including many people bused in from neighboring countries in Europe. Some participants arrived from the U.S., Canada and countries in the Middle East and northern Africa, it said. There was no independent confirmation of the organization's crowd estimate.

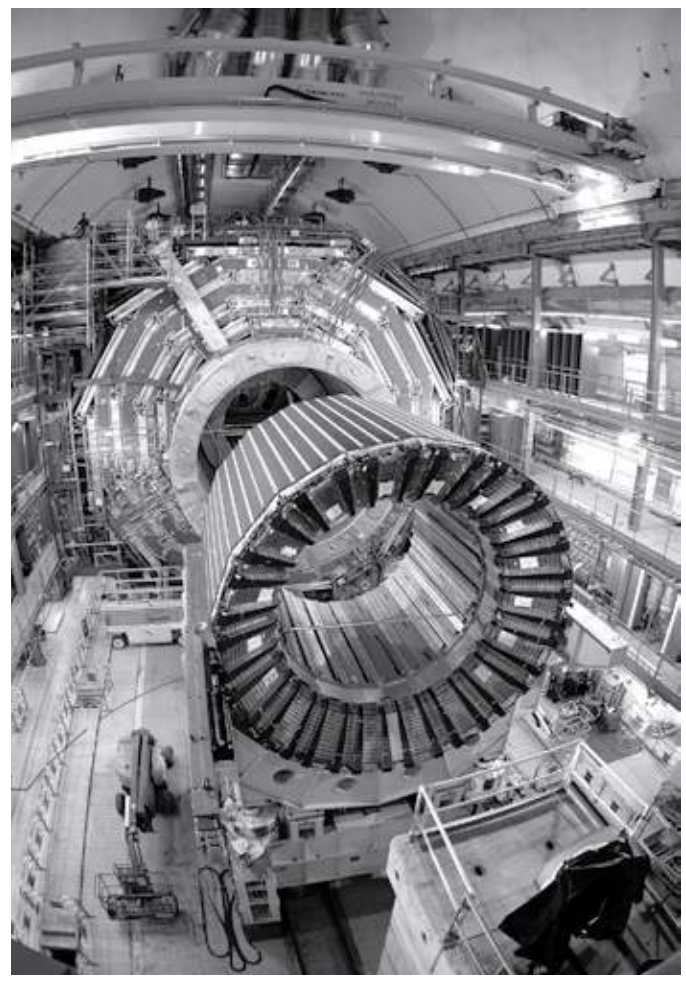
British lawmakers removed the People's Mujahedeen of Iran from the country's terror list on Monday, after a seven-year campaign by the group. The move gives the group more freedom to organize and raise money in Britain.

'Nothing to fear from atom-smasher'

MEYRIN, Switzerland (AP)—The most powerful atom-smasher ever built could make some bizarre discoveries, such as invisible matter or extra dimensions in space, after it is switched on in August.

But some critics fear the Large Hadron Collider could exceed physicists' wildest conjectures: Will it spawn a black hole that could swallow Earth? Or spit out particles that could turn the planet into a hot dead clump?

Ridiculous, say scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known by its French initials CERN—some of whom have been working for a generation on the $5.8 billion collider, or LHC.



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In this March 22, 2007 file photo, the magnet core of the world's largest superconducting solenoid magnet (CMS, Compact Muon Solenoid) at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)'s Large Hadron Collider particle accelerator, which is scheduled to switch on in August, in Geneva, Switzerland.

"Obviously, the world will not end when the LHC switches on," said project leader Lyn Evans.

David Francis, a physicist on the collider's huge ATLAS particle detector, smiled when asked whether he worried about black holes and hypothetical killer particles known as strangelets.

"If I thought that this was going to happen, I would be well away from here," he said.

The collider basically consists of a ring of supercooled magnets 17 miles in circumference attached to huge barrel-shaped detectors. The ring, which straddles the French and Swiss border, is buried 330 feet underground.

The machine, which has been called the largest scientific experiment in history, isn't expected to begin test runs until August, and ramping up to full power could take months. But once it is working, it is expected to produce some startling findings.

Scientists plan to hunt for signs of the invisible "dark matter" and "dark energy" that make up more than 96 percent of the universe, and hope to glimpse the elusive Higgs boson, a so-far undiscovered particle thought to give matter its mass.

The collider could find evidence of extra dimensions, a boon for superstring theory, which holds that quarks, the particles that make up atoms, are infinitesimal vibrating strings.

The theory could resolve many of physics' unanswered questions, but requires about 10 dimensions—far more than the three spatial dimensions our senses experience.

The safety of the collider, which will generate energies seven times higher than its most powerful rival, at Fermilab near Chicago, has been debated for years. The physicist Martin Rees has estimated the chance of an accelerator producing a global catastrophe at one in 50 million—long odds, to be sure, but about the same as winning some lotteries.

By contrast, a CERN team this month issued a report concluding that there is "no conceivable danger" of a cataclysmic event. The report essentially confirmed the findings of a 2003 CERN safety report, and a panel of five prominent scientists not affiliated with CERN, including one Nobel laureate, endorsed its conclusions.

Critics of the LHC filed a lawsuit in a Hawaiian court in March seeking to block its startup, alleging that there was "a significant risk that ... operation of the Collider may have unintended consequences which could ultimately result in the destruction of our planet."

One of the plaintiffs, Walter L. Wagner, a physicist and lawyer, said Wednesday CERN's safety report, released June 20, "has several major flaws," and his views on the risks of using the particle accelerator had not changed.

On Tuesday, U.S. Justice Department lawyers representing the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation filed a motion to dismiss the case.

The two agencies have contributed $531 million to building the collider, and the NSF has agreed to pay $87 million of its annual operating costs. Hundreds of American scientists will participate in the research.

The lawyers called the plaintiffs' allegations "extraordinarily speculative," and said "there is no basis for any conceivable threat" from black holes or other objects the LHC might produce. A hearing on the motion is expected in late July or August.

In rebutting doomsday scenarios, CERN scientists point out that cosmic rays have been bombarding the earth, and triggering collisions similar to those planned for the collider, since the solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago.

And so far, Earth has survived.

"The LHC is only going to reproduce what nature does every second, what it has been doing for billions of years," said John Ellis, a British theoretical physicist at CERN.

Critics like Wagner have said the collisions caused by accelerators could be more hazardous than those of cosmic rays.

Both may produce micro black holes, subatomic versions of cosmic black holes—collapsed stars whose gravity fields are so powerful that they can suck in planets and other stars.

But micro black holes produced by cosmic ray collisions would likely be traveling so fast they would pass harmlessly through the earth.

Micro black holes produced by a collider, the skeptics theorize, would move more slowly and might be trapped inside the earth's gravitational field—and eventually threaten the planet.

Health & Fitness

Old running shoes can still go a long way

By VICKY HALLETT
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Q. Do you know of anyone that collects used tennis/running shoes for recycling? I hate to see the materials used in them end up in a landfill. I know that Nike offers a recycling service, but you have to mail the shoes in, and I'd like to avoid the fuel/energy costs of shipping the shoes across the country to Oregon.

A. The truly green option would be to run them all the way to Oregon, but that's perhaps more of a commitment to eco-living than you were ready for. And it would create a heck of a lot more shoes to be recycled. The running store Pacers (runpacers.com) has bins for the Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation. Don't worry, I won't make you say that five times fast. It's a nonprofit that ships old athletic shoes to Ghana, sells them for about $3 a pair and then uses the proceeds to help local families learn how to create more-sustainable lifestyles.

"We get them beehives, water pumps, all the things a farmer needs. We teach them to grow enough to feed themselves and manage their resources," explains Jim Riordan, who leads the program. (For all of the drop-off spots, see Pppafrica.com). They can pay for a family's full training and equipment with just 600 pairs of shoes. Riordan asks for "used, but not abused" footwear; at least 10 percent don't make the cut and end up in the trash.

If you're worried your old pairs are dumpster-bound, then stick with the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program (www.letmeplay.com/reuseashoe). The concept is pretty cool: Your old athletic shoes of any brand get pulverized into Nike Grind, a material that's being used to build tracks, soccer fields and basketball courts.

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Q. I'm 17. I was in pretty good shape in the fall, when I was on the cross-country team. But I didn't do a winter or spring sport and haven't run in six months. How should I start up again? Should I run two minutes and walk two minutes, for 30 minutes, for example? Or try to run as long as I can (probably about 10 minutes) before walking? Or should I work out on an elliptical machine for a couple of weeks in order to get my stamina up before trying to run?

A. Of the many splendid things about being 17, the best is that if you wanted to run a marathon tomorrow you probably could. You think you're feeling out of shape now? Wait 10 years, don't exercise for six months and then get back to me.

If you had never run before, or were a particularly inactive kid, the walk/run technique would be a good starting point. It's the same deal with the elliptical, especially if you were say, 38, and feeling sorer than you used to. But as a cross-country vet, you can push yourself a bit harder.

Cricket Batz, one of the directors for RunningWorks (Runningworks.com), which organizes camps and clinics for high schoolers out of New Jersey, wants you to start up again by jogging just one mile. That's probably the 10 minutes you estimate you can handle now anyway. "Run easy, not all-out," she cautions. "You can't increase your base mileage and intensity at the same time."

Do that four times this week. Then next week, up your distance to a mile and a half for those four runs. Continue to add gradually, and keep a log of your runs so you can make sure you're not overdoing it, Batz says. Scale back if you're hurting. In a month or so, you can add speed work and hill drills. Eight weeks in, you'll be ready to join that cross-country team again.

And after next season ends, feel free to take a week or two off, but don't spend a full semester on the couch. With each year, you'll find it's tougher to get into "pretty good shape" again.

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Q. I am 38. In the past year or so I haven't been bouncing back after workouts like I used to; I feel sore longer. I usually do cardio for one hour a day at a moderate level and maybe once a week or so at a higher level. What should I be doing to recover better from the workouts?

A. This might sound strange coming from me, but have you tried not working out? A day off isn't a sin. It's a necessity. Just ask 45-year-old W. Hodding Carter, whose new book "Off the Deep End" chronicles his decision to train for the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team. Trials are this weekend, and it's safe to guess he won't qualify, but he is speedier now than he was more than two decades ago as a Division III All-American.

Carter's secret: That recovery day. "A recovery day means I don't do anything strenuous. My heart rate is always below 140, and I don't lift," he explains.

Those days are on his schedule three times a week now.

You'll get similar advice from Robbie Hebert, director of sports performance at the Edge Sports Performance Center in Roanoke, Va. He tells his more, ahem, mature clients not to schedule workouts back-to-back, and he's a stickler for a dynamic warm-up and static stretching for the cool-down.

He also advises exercisers not to skimp on proper hydration and nutrition. And if you're not getting massages? Do something about that. (Carter pays his kids a quarter a minute to rub out his muscle kinks.)

Just don't sit back too long. Aging doesn't give you a pass on exercise. As Hebert says, "If you can work out, you'll feel young."

Taking a healthy stand

People who undergo total knee replacements often adopt a forward-bending way of going from sitting to standing, a new study has found. This motion can increase the strain on the non-injured leg and possibly set patients up for future injuries.

To prevent this from happening, physical therapy after surgery—aimed at retraining this action—could be helpful, say the study's authors, from the University of Delaware.

Using infrared cameras and other devices, the researchers assessed how 12 subjects with a recent knee replacement and 12 controls went from a seated to a standing position. Participants were tested at three months after surgery, and one year after surgery.

Even after a year, knee patients bent forward significantly more than the control group, says senior author Lynn Snyder-Mackler, professor of physical therapy at the University of Delaware. The motion is kind to the knee but places added strain on the hip and on the opposite leg. "One of the things that happens after total knee or total hip" surgery, says Snyder-Mackler, "is that you end up with problems on the other side, both the hip and the knee." One solution, she says, is for the patient to work with his or her physical therapist on a sitting-to-standing motion that is not bent as far forward.

The study appeared last month in the journal Physical Therapy. ***(Los Angeles Times)***

FROM START TO FITNESS

By ANDREA RENEE WYATT, M.S.S., C.S.C.S.
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Q: My usual workout at the gym has me doing strength training on the machines first, then my cardio routine. I start with the machines because I like them the least, and I want to get them done and out of the way. My friend said that I should start with cardio, and then do my weights. Which one of us is right?

A: Actually, both you and your friend are partly correct.

Which to do first, strength training or cardio, is a very common question with varying answers. The start of any workout should consist of your preparing your body for what is about to happen. This is usually achieved through some form of warm-up exercise that will increase your heart rate, move blood throughout your body and warm up your body and muscles.

During strength training, you are asking your muscles to stretch, contract and move through the range of motion of each exercise. In order to do this effectively, you need to complete a warm up prior to exercising. A warm up could consist of five to 10 minutes of activity at a moderate intensity. Remember, the goal is to prepare your body for the exercises to come. This preparation could include walking on the treadmill, riding the bicycle or a dynamic warm up, which is a series of total body movements such as wood chops or agility drills that warm up your whole body. A warm-up routine also will begin to activate the muscles that are about to be worked while strength training.

After your warm up is complete, you may choose to complete your strength training routine followed by your cardiovascular routine. There is nothing wrong with completing your strength training first, AFTER you have warmed up.

What may determine if you want to complete cardiovascular or strength training first may be the intensity of the routine and if you are able to complete the entire routine. For example, if you are exhausted after strength training and therefore either do not complete your cardiovascular workout or complete it but not to the best of your ability, you may consider completing your cardiovascular workout first, then doing your strength workout.

The goal is to finish your workout with the intensity with which it was designed to be completed. You can figure out the best way to do this through a little trial and error. Try your workout both ways and see which one gives you the better result.

Remember to warm up first, and if you still want to knock out your least favorite workout first, go for it. Just remember to save enough energy to complete the remainder of your workout.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, write to Andrea in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF BENEDICTO ANGAILEN LIMES, Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-256

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 9, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: W No. 015 D 029, situated in China Town, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 971 square meters, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys official cadastral plat no. 015 D 00.

Date Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will he held on Friday, August 1, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will he open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated, this 17th day of June, 2008

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE,
Auctioneer

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES

SERVICES REQUIRED
The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is inviting interested insurance brokers, singularly or in partnership with others, to submit technical proposals for providing insurance brokerage services to CPA. Interested insurance brokers must be licensed in the Northern Mariana Islands and have a current business license.

THE PROCESS
The process will consist of the receipt and evaluation of sealed proposals for technical services. The proposals should demonstrate the ability of the brokers to perform and provide the services enumerated in the Scope of Services stipulated in the Request For Proposal (RFP). At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the highest rated broker will be selected to negotiate fees for services with CPA. If successful, the broker will be appointed as CPA's exclusive insurance representative on a year-to-year basis for a period not to exceed three years.

SCOPE OF SERVICES
The selected broker shall assist CPA in obtaining insurance coverages consisting of Airport and Seaport Property and Liability insurance, Automobile, Crime, and Director's & Officer's Liability insurance and providing such other services as may be subsequently negotiated.

PACKAGES & SUBMITTAL DATE
Proposal packages will be available beginning Monday, June 30, 2008, at the CPA Administrative Offices, Saipan International Airport, between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Five copies of the sealed proposals shall be submitted to Mr. Lee C. Cabrera, Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, POB 1055, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 P.M., Monday, July 21, 2008.

EVALUATION
The factors to be used in evaluating the proposals shall be the criteria set forth in the RFP. Each criteria will be assigned a grading up to ten points; the proposer receiving the highest overall score will be selected to negotiate a fee for services. The CPA reserves the right to reject any proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

If there are any questions relative to this notice, interested parties are asked to contact Ms. Frances Mafnas, Acting Comptroller, at 664-3524 anytime during the hours stated above.

/s/ LEE C. CABRERA
Acting Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Life & Style

Money ruling a remarkable woman's legacy

By HELEN O'NEILL
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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Jeffrey Lovitky pets a horse at this stable in Chevy Chase, Md. on Monday June 16, 2008, where he used to come with Sandra Welner, who was blind and died in 2001.

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In this undated photo provided by Jeffrey Lovitky, Sandra Welner, who was blind and died in 2001, is seen in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—He thinks of her every time he gazes at the painting—a blazing orange sun she drew a few years after the tragedy. It is the only splash of color in his tiny K Street office and it gives him great joy, and a stab of sorrow.

He thinks of her every time he plucks a new $5 bill from his wallet and sees the large purple numeral emblazoned in the corner. It reminds him of how he used to sort her money: $1 bills in one envelope, fives and tens in others.

And of course he thought of her last month when a federal appeals court ruled on a case that could result in the redesign of the entire U.S. currency. It was one of the great legal victories of 53-year-old attorney Jeffrey Lovitky's career, and he wishes she could have been there to share it.

But had she been there, it might never have happened.

For the lawsuit filed on behalf of the American Council of the Blind was never just about discrimination or changing the currency so the blind can distinguish a $1 bill from a $20.

It was about a brilliant, gifted woman who changed so many perceptions and overcame so many obstacles that those who knew her never doubted her ability to continue inspiring enormous change, even from the grave.

It was about the memory of a smile.

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In his second-floor office, Lovitky sifts through a well-thumbed photo album. "Here's a Sandy smile," he says, plucking a picture from the page. "And here's one. And this is truly a Sandy smile."

The pictures show a petite brunette nestling into his shoulder under a cherry blossom tree, playfully pushing him in an oversized beach wheelchair on the sand, clutching his arm at a black tie event at which she was receiving yet another award.

His eyes mist at the memory—Sandra Welner, the brilliant physician whose dazzling smile and tenacious spirit stole Lovitky's heart.

He found her after placing a personal ad in a Jewish newspaper—or really, she found him. He remembers the letter she wrote in response—not the words, but the tone. She sounded so intelligent, so lively, so interesting, and yet there was some obscure reference to a disability.

"I really must meet this person," he thought.

Their first date was in an Irish pub in April 1994. She was already seated when he arrived, and he felt an instant attraction to the radiant young woman with the gentle brown eyes and tumble of dark curls.

They talked for hours. She told him about her practice as a gynecologist, running a clinic for women with disabilities; about her parents—Holocaust survivors from Poland who had created a new life and family in Pittsburgh; about her travels all over Europe, Australia and Israel.

But there were things she never mentioned in those first few hours. He had no idea that she couldn't see his thinning hair and clear blue eyes, that she could only barely make out the shape of his face. Or that she had called the pub earlier to ask about the menu, so she could pretend to read it when she ordered.

It was only when they were preparing to leave, when she stood unsteadily and asked for help in getting a taxi, that he realized that she had difficulty walking. She held out her arm. Grasping it, he sensed they would be together for a long time.

Their dates were simple: walks in the park, petting horses at a stables near her Silver Spring apartment, takeout Thai dinners and occasional splurges on extravagant chocolate desserts at the Willard Hotel. She discussed her medical cases. He told her about his legal ones. Devoted news junkies, they often spent Saturday nights by the computer, Lovitky reading aloud the big stories of the day.

Gradually, he learned what had happened in those terrible days back in 1987.

She was almost 30, already a leading expert on fertility and women's reproductive health. She had a large circle of friends and colleagues, a thriving career as a micro-surgeon and no shortage of suitors.

Traveling alone on vacation in Europe, Welner fell ill—so ill that she checked herself into a hospital in Amsterdam. Her family is not certain what happened next except that she went into cardiac arrest and suffered a serious brain injury.

Welner's mother, Barbara, 81, still sobs at the shock of seeing her comatose daughter in a foreign hospital. Even if she survived, doctors said, she would be lucky to regain the ability of a 2-year-old.

"NO!" the mother cried. Not my brilliant, beautiful daughter, who could paint portraits that belonged in galleries, who played the violin so exquisitely that she was offered music scholarships in high school, who graduated from medical school at the age of 22. This was a child who, at the age of 12, had begged not to join a family vacation to Florida because she had enrolled in college courses instead.

Now doctors were saying she should lock her away.

"Not my Sandy," the mother said.

And so, for 16 days in Amsterdam, she read medical journals and newspapers and played classical music for her lifeless daughter. She talked to her and caressed her—anything to trigger a response. She got none. "The doctors thought I was delusional," she said.

Back in the United States, doctors offered the same grim prognosis.

Again, the mother said no.

And so Barbara and Nick Welner took their child home to New Haven, Conn. They read to her. They fed her. They bathed her. They taught her to count, to swallow, to sit up. They cried with her. Hour after hour, for days and months and years.

It wasn't a miracle, her mother says of her daughter's steady, excruciating recovery. It came of a determination so powerful that it burst from her broken body with a force that nothing could hold back.

But there were moments that felt like miracles. The day Sandy took her first tentative steps. The day a friend phoned from Israel, where Sandy had worked, and she began speaking in fluent Hebrew. She hadn't forgotten a word.

"I was in awe," her mother said.

Years later, as Lovitky heard these stories, he too was in awe. But not just of the woman he had grown to love. He was also awed by the older woman who became his dear friend.

"Sandy had such spirit and such courage," Lovitky says, "but her mother did, too. Such effort, such faith."

This was a woman who had fled the Warsaw ghetto with false papers as a young girl, who with the help of the Red Cross found her way to nursing school in England and eventually married a fellow Polish refugee in the United States. Both husband and wife had families who perished in concentration camps.

The Welners raised four children, two boys and two girls. But Sandy was always the star. "There was just this sense that she would accomplish extraordinary things," says her brother, Michael Welner.

By the time Lovitky met her, Welner's vision was severely damaged, her hands shook, and she walked with an unsteady gait. But her speech and mind were clear. And her memory was better than ever.

Lovitky marveled at her defiance. She refused to use a wheelchair. Instead she would pile the chair with her medical books and push it. Or she would use a cane.

She was dependent on others—the stream of medical students she paid to help her read, and write and file, on strangers to help her catch a cab, or spend money. And yet, Lovitky says, "she was more independent than anyone I knew."

She went skydiving in Australia, alone. She climbed—inch by inch—the ancient historic site, Masada, overlooking the Dead Sea in Israel.

When she eventually moved into her own apartment in Washington, she insisted on cooking great Passover seders for her family.

"If Sandy wanted to do something, nothing was going to stop her," Lovitky says.

But the hardest challenge she faced was professional—being accepted back into the medical world that had once embraced her.

Dr. Alan Decherney, a leading gynecologist and obstetrician, remembers the young woman with the cane shuffling into his office at Yale University to ask for his help. In a residency, years earlier, he had considered her smart and promising. Now she just looked pitiful.

You can't go into practice, he told her, knowing how harsh he sounded but trying to be honest. You are legally blind and you are spastic.

But Welner pressed on. And something about her courage moved Decherney to let her sit in with other residents and join him on patient rounds.

She astounded him. This woman isn't just smart, Decherney thought. She's brilliant.

"I had to tell her not to answer all the questions all the time," Decherney said, chuckling.

For the rest of her life Welner called Decherney her hero. When no one else in medicine would answer her calls, he made them on her behalf. With Decherney's help she landed a job overseeing a clinic for women with disabilities at Washington Hospital Center. At the time, there were few resources for disabled women who wanted to get pregnant.

"Doctors simply didn't want to deal with a woman in a wheelchair who wanted to have a baby," said Trish Day, one of Welner's first patients who became a close friend. "Sandy didn't just understand the complications of a disabled body," Day said. "She understood my dream."

A year and half later, after watching another surgeon perform an emergency Caesarean section, Welner was the first person to hold Day's newborn daughter, Diana. It was one of the proudest moments of her career.

But Welner did far more than encourage her patients. She designed and patented a special

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examination table for disabled women—lower and more maneuverable than the standard ones. She lectured on the need for disabled woman to get regular gynecological checkups and mammograms, something some avoid because the equipment isn't adapted for them.

In a particularly sweet triumph, she returned to the nursing home in Connecticut and lectured the doctors who had once declared that she would function no better than a 2-year-old.

Then, in 1997, Welner's clinic was closed because of cutbacks. She was devastated. And yet, Lovitky says, as she had so often done, Welner accepted reality and moved on.

She hurled herself into her work—applying for research grants, writing a book on medical care for women with disabilities, becoming a faculty member of Georgetown and Maryland University medical centers, speaking at the United Nations, lecturing around the country and the world.

Few knew that Welner's masterful hour-long PowerPoint presentations were memorized by heart. She couldn't see her own slides.

"She just never stopped," says Lovitky. He worried sometimes about how hard Welner pushed herself, rarely getting more than a few hours sleep a night.

And then, in an instant, everything stopped. It was Oct. 8, 2001 and the country was still reeling from the shock of the Sept. 11 attacks. Lovitky and Welner had talked about it by phone that night. It was the last real conversation they ever had.

The call jolted him awake a few hours later. "There's been an accident," said Welner's neighbor. "It's serious."

Lovitky grabbed a Bible and raced to the hospital. Swathed in bandages, a breathing tube in her throat, Sandy was barely recognizable. She had third-degree burns over 70 percent of her body. But she smiled and mouthed "I love you," and blew a kiss.

She had been lighting a memorial candle for her late father, when the flame caught her nightgown. The neighbor had broken down her door and pulled her from the fire.

The next 13 days were blur of suffering and sadness as Lovitky and Welner's mother and brother waited, willing Sandy to survive, clinging to the belief that she might. After all, this was Sandy—invincible, irrepressible Sandy. She had come back from near death once before. Surely she could again.

On Oct. 21, Lovitky whispered his last words to the woman with whom he had planned to spend his life. He doesn't even know if she heard.

She died 10 minutes later. She was 42.

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In the months after Welner's death, Lovitky felt bewildered by grief and regret. He couldn't work, couldn't eat, couldn't sleep.

He went to Israel, trekked to all the most dangerous parts. Family and friends feared he had a death wish. There were times he wondered if he did.

At his darkest moment, Lovitky talked to his rabbi.

What can I do, he cried.

Do something good that will contribute to her memory, the rabbi told him.

And then Lovitky remembered the envelopes, how he would sort Sandy's money before she went on trips—putting the $1 bills in one envelope, the tens and twenties in others. He remembered her frustration at having to trust strangers for the right change.

And he realized that there was something he could do—something that could both celebrate Welner's legacy and affect the lives of millions. Elsewhere around the world, accommodations are made for the blind—different sized notes or tactile features such as raised markings.

Why not the United States?

In May 2002, Lovitky sued the Treasury Department on behalf of the American Council of the Blind, arguing that its failure to design a currency that is accessible to blind people is a form of discrimination.

In November 2006, the court ruled in favor of the Council.

"Plaintiffs have demonstrated that they lack meaningful access to U.S. currency," Judge Judith W. Rogers wrote in the ruling, which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld in May. "Even the most searching tactile examination will reveal no difference between a $100 bill and a $1 bill. The secretary has identified no reason that requires paper currency to be uniform to the touch."

The Treasury Department, which argues that a redesign of the currency would be too costly, has not said if it will fight the latest ruling.

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Lovitky visits Welner's grave several times a year—when he travels to Pittsburgh to visit her mother. They rarely talk about the lawsuit, though they know Sandy would have been proud.

For his part, Lovitky says he feels a strange detachment about the outcome. There is little of the personal satisfaction or pride he has felt with other legal victories. He understands why. He understands the long hours he poured into this case—all the research, all the briefs, all the consultations with other lawyers—was never really about winning. Or about money.

It was about commemorating the spirit of the rare and beautiful woman who changed his life.

It was about love.

Macho man is going out of fashion

PARIS (AP) -- As world financial markets wobble and bonuses shrink, the macho male is going out of fashion.

Paris designers showing their spring-summer collections on Saturday banished the tie and introduced a gentler take on masculinity, leaving the Gordon Gekko look in the dust.

With thousands of revelers pouring into the streets for the annual gay pride parade, French designer Franck Boclet proudly flew the pink flag at Emanuel Ungaro - but there was no message intended.

"I didn't even know it was gay pride day today!" he said. "It just so happens that fuchsia has always been Ungaro's signature color."

Boclet celebrated the house heritage with a shocking pink backdrop, but used the color sparingly in his collection.

After all, he made his name at Francesco Smalto cutting suits with a defiant swagger. Here, they were rendered in checked patterns with pants that stretched suggestively across the thigh.

As a result, a pink linen blazer seemed slightly adrift, though a purple cardigan top with a loose matching parka was a plausible option.

French actor Samuel Le Bihan, known for his tough guy image, said he had worn a pink T-shirt last summer but would not be repeating the experience.

"I tried, but I just can't do it," he said.

The Smalto image has loosened up since Swiss-Korean designer Youn Chong Bak took over the design reins three seasons ago.

Models lounged around an Italianate fountain in a chic mansion in her crisp cotton jackets paired with tailored cream bermudas, conjuring images of the spoiled millionaire Dickie Greenleaf in "The Talented Mr. Ripley".

Best of all were the waistcoats cut away in the front in the style of morning coats. These came in white linen with a tone-on-tone satin trim, or in a denim version slung over an unbuttoned white shirt.

"I think it's always more pleasant to see men who have attitude but nonetheless have a slightly soft side, because people are sick of machos," Chong Bak said.

That mood carried over to the Hermes catwalk, where the focus was on bare necklines with sailor-style sweaters that framed the collarbone.

This might seem like a bad move for a company famed for its luxurious silk ties, but French designer Veronique Nichanian provided plenty of alternatives.

AP

A model wears a creation by fashion house Emanuel Ungaro during the presentation of their Men's Fashion Spring-Summer 2009 collection in Paris, Saturday, June 28, 2008.

'Idol' Ruben Studdard weds in Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) -- Former "American Idol" Ruben Studdard has married Surata Zuri McCants at a church in a suburb of Birmingham, Alabama. But there was no singing during the 30-minute ceremony - just an exchange of vows, prayers and music provided by a string ensemble. A reporter from The Birmingham News attended the ceremony.

The groom, nicknamed the "Velvet Teddy Bear" on "Idol" for his big frame and sonorous voice, wore a black tuxedo with white bow tie for Saturday's ceremony. His bride wore a white and ivory wedding gown.

Alabama will be their home as the 29-year-old-singer gets set to release a new album later this year.

Model dies in fall from NYC building

AP

In this Sept. 7, 2007 file photo, fashion model Ruslana Korshunova wears a design during a show in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—A European Vogue cover model fell to her death from her Manhattan apartment building Saturday in an apparent suicide, published reports said.

Ruslana Korshunova, 20, died around 2:30 p.m. in a fall from a building on Water Street, in Manhattan's Financial District, The New York Post, the Daily News and Newsday reported. The newspapers cited unnamed officials and police.

Police said the fall was under investigation. Korushnova's New York agency and a spokeswoman for medical examiners did not immediately return telephone messages.

Originally from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, the almond-eyed, flowing-haired Korshunova appeared in advertisements and on runways for such designers as Marc Jacobs, Nina Ricci and DKNY. British Vogue hailed her as "a face to be excited about" in 2005.

Her break came when modeling booker Debbie Jones noticed her while perusing an in-flight magazine article about Korushnova's hometown of Almaty, according to the Vogue report.

"She looked like something out of a fairytale!" Jones told the magazine. "We had to find her and we searched high and low until we did!"

NBC offers wide online access for Olympics

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC is making more than 2,200 hours of live competition from Beijing available online, giving Olympic junkies more action than they could ever devour in a day.

After barely tipping its toe in the digital world during past Olympics, the network will dive into the deep end: live blogging, 3,000 hours of highlights on demand, daily recaps and analysis and even fantasy league gaming. That's in addition to the 1,400 hours of coverage planned on six television networks, more than the combined total of every previous Summer Olympics.

NBC's digital plans, however, have angered media outlets that worry the company is being heavy-handed in enforcing its rights to exclusive Olympic access.

The network launched NBCOlympics.com in 2000, but then it offered only still pictures and schedule information to drive viewers to its television coverage. A limited package of highlights from Athens was available in 2004, but those visiting the NBC site were required to enter a credit card number, even though they weren't charged, and that drove away traffic.

NBC quietly experimented by beaming live over the Internet the hockey gold-medal game from the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics. The change in scope to what it is offering this year is staggering.

"We're excited about what we are putting into the fingertips of the Olympics fan," said Gary Zenkel, president of NBC Olympics. "We think it will generate a tremendous amount of engagement. We think it will generate more television viewership."

That's the danger for a TV network that offers so much online content: that people will turn off the TV in favor of the computer. Zenkel said there was worry in the past as NBC increased the level of events available on television that saturation would drive down viewership, but it turned out not to be the case.

The Associated Press has an agreement with NBC to distribute video links to the network's content online.

The computer coverage will also play a clear secondary role to TV. No events that are scheduled to be televised will be available online until after they are seen on TV, said Perkins Miller, senior vice president for digital media at NBC Sports.

The Web site will offer a full TV viewers' guide, track medal standings and give real-time results. It will have bios of more than 10,000 athletes, NBC said.

"It's not that we aren't nervous," Zenkel said. "It's not that we haven't taken an enormous amount on. But we're up to it and we're going to perform as we always have in the past."

There's been some brewing tension about the rights of other media organizations to cover the event; NBC paid $3.5 billion to the International Olympics Committee to televise the five Olympics through Beijing.

Judge halts release of Verne Troyer sex tape

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Verne Troyer successfully shut down the distribution of a sex tape featuring the "Austin Powers" actor and a former girlfriend - for now.

The celebrity Web site TMZ posted a 25-second snipped of the video Wednesday, but pulled the clips down Friday evening after a federal judge granted a temporary restraining order requested by Troyer's attorneys.

The ruling also prevents any attempt by a porn distributor from taking orders for the full 50-minute video, and keeps TMZ from broadcasting any more clips. Troyer's lawsuit also seeks $20 million in damages and the return of all copies of the tape.

U.S. District Judge Philip Gutierrez wrote that Troyer's motion "demonstrated that he will suffer irreparable harm to his reputation" if the tape is distributed.

Troyer's attorney, Tracy Rane, said she, Troyer and others are "very pleased" by Gutierrez's ruling.

"Mr. Troyer is extremely distraught by the recent exploitation of his private life," Troyer's publicist, Melissa Bergera, wrote in a statement released to the AP.

TMZ did not return calls seeking comment on the case Friday. Although the video excerpt showing Troyer kissing his then-girlfriend was removed, another post describing the actor's lawsuit remained active.

Troyer, most famous for his role as "Mini Me" in two of the "Austin Powers" movies, claims the sex tape he made with a former girlfriend, which he never intended to become public, was stolen from his home some months ago.

TMZ reported that the video could fetch $100,000 from a porn distributor. SugarDVD wrote in a statement on its Web site that hoped to reach a deal with Troyer to distribute the full, 50-minute version. That statement was also removed by late Friday afternoon.

AP

In this June 11, 2008 file photo, actor Verne Troyer poses on the press line at the premiere of the feature film "The Love Guru" in Los Angeles.

Kevin Blatt, a producer who promoted a sex tape featuring Paris Hilton, is also named as a defendant. Reached on his cell phone Friday, Blatt said he had not been served with the lawsuit yet, but called it "baseless."

Blatt said he never had the tape and only helped try to broker a deal.

The judge also indicated he may issue a more binding preliminary injunction in the case unless TMZ and other parties demonstrate why it should be released. His temporary order expires July 7.

Troyer is only the latest celebrity whose sex tape surfaced without consent, a phenomenon that began with the release of the infamous Pamela Anderson-Tommy Lee honeymoon video. Since then, several others have surfaced, including Hilton, Colin Farrell, and rapper Ray-J with Kim Kardashian - the daughter of a prominent attorney who parlayed at least some of her newfound notoriety into reality-star status.

In Anderson and Lee's case, the couple actually agreed to have the tape distributed, which resulted in a federal judge tossing out their lawsuit after the video was widely distributed on the Internet, in adult video stores, and even in hotel rooms.

Legal experts differed on Troyer's chances of long-term success keeping the video under wraps.

"I think distributing the tape is going to be very problematic," said Jack Lerner, a professor at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law.

"Any time you record something that has even a very small bit of original expression in it, that's going to be copyrighted," he said, noting that a videotape would apply.

David Gringas, a Phoenix attorney who specializes in Internet, intellectual property and First Amendment issues, wrote in an e-mail that the fact that Troyer hadn't yet applied for copyright protection could harm his case.

Troyer's suit states he intends to register the tape's copyright.

Gringas wrote that courts generally try to protect celebrities from "any conduct that's really offensive," but are also aware that the release of some tapes actually benefits the celebrity.

"However, when a private tape is truly stolen from the owner, most times courts will do all they can to protect the rights of the celebrity to control their name or image," Gringas wrote.

Both Lerner and Gringas said they doubted injunctions against TMZ would remain, since the site may argue it was simply reporting the news.

Del Toro: I would've been a bank robber

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Guillermo del Toro has had it with the beautiful people of Hollywood. It's monsters - or bank robbers - he wants to see.

The Mexican director, whose latest movie "Hellboy 2: The Golden Army" opens next month, said Thursday night that monsters have a inherent beauty that not enough people appreciate.

"We live in a world that's constantly trying to tell you what (expletive) products to use to diminish your ugliness, or smelliness or the unpleasantness", he said Thursday. "I say (expletive) them all, let us be whatever we are, let us be free in our ugliness, fatiness, stretch markings, whatever the (expletive) we are. Monsters can be that, monsters can represent something else".

One monster that's definitely something else: del Toro's movie version of the comic-book character Hellboy, a red demon that protects humans and shaves his horns down to nubs to better fit in.

"I attacked this movie the same way I attacked 'Pan's Labyrinth': from a design point of view, from a enjoyment point of view", the director said in front of a full theater at the Los Angeles Film Festival. "I think we created very unique monsters."

Steven Tyler: Rehab was for meds

NEW YORK (AP)—Steven Tyler sought the "safe environment" of rehab last month to recover from more than just surgery—the Aerosmith frontman now says was fighting a dependency on pain and sleep medication.

"To have your feet done, to have your leg done, you have to be on narcotics," Tyler told The Associated Press on Friday. "You have to be on sleep aids at night. I don't know about Joe (Perry) but I was off and running and I didn't like the me that was me."

Tyler released a statement in late May saying he checked into a rehab facility in search of a "safe environment" to recover from several foot surgeries and physical therapy. Tyler said the procedures were to correct long-time foot injuries resulting from his physical performances as the singer for the blues-rock band.

"This was a month ago, so I just put the brakes on and checked into detox and just pulled the plug on all of it," he told the AP on Friday night at the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square, where he and bandmates were promoting "Guitar Hero 3: Aerosmith."

The 60-year-old was known for heavy drug and alcohol abuse in the 1970s and early 1980s, but completed rehabilitation in 1986, after which Aerosmith enjoyed a successful revival.

AP

In this photo released by Hard Rock, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler attends a press conference to launch the band's first video game, 'Guitar Hero: Aerosmith,' Friday, June 27, 2008, at Hard Rock Cafe in New York.

Uma Thurman is engaged to financier Busson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Uma Thurman, star of the "Kill Bill" thrillers and "My Super Ex-Girlfriend," will marry financier Arpad "Arki" Busson, according to a report Friday in the New York Daily News.

Stephen Huvane, the publicist for Thurman, did not immediately return phone and e-mail messages from The Associated Press on Friday.

The pair apparently began dating last summer after attending a private dinner together in Milan, Italy. Busson surprised Thurman with the ring this week in London, where the couple attended the 90th birthday party for Nelson Mandela, according to the Daily News.

It would be the third marriage for the 38-year-old Thurman, who has a son and daughter with ex-husband Ethan Hawke, whom she divorced in 2003. Thurman was previously married to actor Gary Oldman.

Busson has two sons with supermodel Elle Macpherson, from whom he split in 2005.

No wedding date was announced.

AP

In this Wednesday June 25, 2008 file photo, Uma Thurman, left, and Arpad Busson arrive for the dinner birthday party of former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela in central London's Hyde Park.

Statler Brothers: Country Hall of Fame honor tops

STAUNTON, Va. (AP)—Brothers Harold and Don Reid of the country and gospel group the Statler Brothers are coming clean about which career award meant the most.

"This one has knocked us on our behinds," Don Reid told The Associated Press about the group's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. "The Hall of Fame is the capper to a career that we are proud of."

Harold Reid says the honor, to be bestowed Sunday in Nashville, makes their career worthwhile.

"It wraps up everything you did," he said. "Every song you wrote. Every performance you did. Every TV show. Everything that we did that made a contribution to the business. They looked at us and said thank you for the contribution. It doesn't get any better than that."

Aside from the Harold and Don Reid, The Statler Brothers' Phil Balsley, Jimmy Fortune, and the late Lew DeWitt will also be honored.

The Statler Brothers were first hired as a vocal backing group by Johnny Cash. They had their first hit in 1965 with "Flowers on the Wall." They had several more Top 40 hits through the 1970s and 1980s, including "The Class of '57," "Do You Know You Are My Sunshine" and "I'll Go to My Grave Loving You."

Tom T. Hall will also be inducted Sunday. He's best known as a songwriter who jump-started his solo career following Jeannie C. Reilly's No. 1 hit with his "Harper Valley PTA." Hall was a top touring and radio act in the '70s, and has written children's songs, several novels and produced a PBS special on bluegrass music.

Fellow members of the 2008 Hall of Fame class Emmylou Harris and the late Ernest V. "Pop" Stoneman were inducted on April 27.

Award-winning pianist Leonard Pennario, 83

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Leonard Pennario, a Grammy-winning pianist and best-selling classical recording artist, has died. He was 83.

Pennario died Friday at his home in San Diego of complications from Parkinson's disease, said his biographer, Mary Kunz Goldman.

Pennario won a Grammy in the 1960s for his work with violinist Jascha Heifetz and cellist Gregor Piatigorsky.

He was a passionate performer who enjoyed playing in front of audiences, said Kunz Goldman.

"'You have to play for the people; you have to play for an audience,'" she recalled Pennario saying. "'You can't just go into the studio and make records, you know?'"

Born in Buffalo on July 9, 1924, Pennario was 10 when he and his family moved to Los Angeles. At age 12, he learned the Grieg Concerto in a week so he could perform it from memory with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

Words to the wise help job hunters get positive reviews

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: I am a small-business owner who does the hiring for my company. I hope you will share some suggestions for young people who are now applying for postgraduate jobs.

(1) Every contact with a prospective employer is a mini-interview. Present yourself appropriately. I have received many inappropriate e-mails. Example: "Hey, when would this gig start?" Please remember to use a salutation and communicate politely and clearly.

(2) Many companies post a great deal of information about job openings on their Web sites. Read the site carefully before calling so I won't waste time answering questions you could have answered on your own.

(3) Shortcuts may be cute when text-messaging your friends, but in business they are annoying and unprofessional. Avoid messages such as "Thnx 4 ur help. Talk 2 u later!"

(4) Because I must read your resume and application, please proofread it for spelling, grammar and typos.

(5) Many Internet sites now offer free e-mail. Set up an account using your name or initial so I don't have to e-mail "hotchick99" with an offer to teach young children.

(6) If you have a phone interview, please find a quiet place from which to place the call. It is difficult to understand you above your roommate who is cursing over a video game.

(7) Never, ever tell a prospective employer you are waiting to hear about a job you want more, that pays more or gives you more "fun" time. Simply say you are "exploring all your options," and I will understand.

By the way, Abby, I am not an old fuddy-duddy. I am a 26-year-old professional who expects more from my peers than I have seen.

EXASPERATED RECRUITER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR EXASPERATED RECRUITER: Your suggestions are excellent. I am sure they will be appreciated not only by first-time job applicants, but also their prospective employers.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl. I don't get angry often, but when I do my parents disregard it by calling me a "hormonal teenager." They say things like, "She's such a CHARMING 14-year-old" and "There are hormones raging." I find their comments hurtful and degrading.

Please don't misunderstand. My parents are usually nice, but when something bothers me they automatically resort to the above comments. I personally believe I am pretty good at handling and expressing my emotions calmly. It just seems that my parents don't consider the credibility of my emotions and blame them on my being a teen. Is it wrong for them to say these things? What should I do when they say them?

DISREGARDED IN OREGON

DEAR DISREGARDED: No one of any age wants to feel patronized, and that goes for people from 13 to 93. (And, interestingly, it happens to people from both ends of the spectrum.) If your parents want to exchange comments like the ones you mentioned, it would be better if they did so in private. However, if they are saying things like, "She's such a charming 14-year-old," it may be a clue to the fact that you're acting like anything BUT -- and perhaps you should find a more mature and controlled way of expressing your emotions.

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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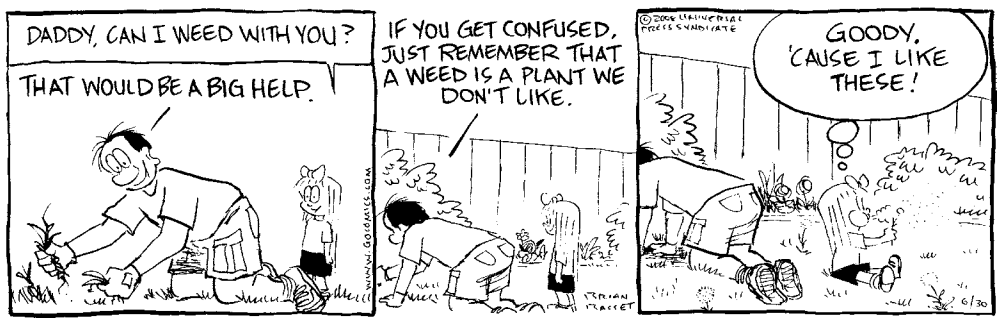
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5 Coatrack part
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12 Whimper
13 Eggs
14 Plankton component
15 Incubator noise
16 Lover
18 Arose suddenly
20 Incinerated
21 Biz abbr.
23 Visibility hindrance
24 Overly fearful
28 Stun
31 George Gershwin's brother
32 Revealed someone's secret
34 Afternoon get-together
35 Read cursorily
37 Pet bird
39 Word of negation
41 Rani's wrap
42 Many, many
45 "... to fear is fear —"
49 Like some lines
51 Repast
52 Odin's son
53 Exist
54 Sea eagle
55 Dines
56 Cushion
57 Frog's cousin

DOWN
1 Little devils
2 Profound
3 Basin accessory
4 Peruvian woolbearer
5 Boy band, e.g.
6 Actress Mendes
7 Apparel
8 Gunbarrel tamping device
9 Stretch out
10 Chills and fever
11 Fat
17 "— Wiedersehen"
19 Forbidden act
22 Gyro holders
24 Greek consonants
25 Noah's boat
26 Torrent minutia
27 Sent off the track
29 Wye follower
30 Consume
33 Pub missile
36 Grinding teeth
38 Fate
40 — Aviv
42 Makes a decision
43 Hawaiian island
44 Rebuff a masher
46 Architect Saarinen
47 Turner of Hollywood
48 Took off
50 Historic time

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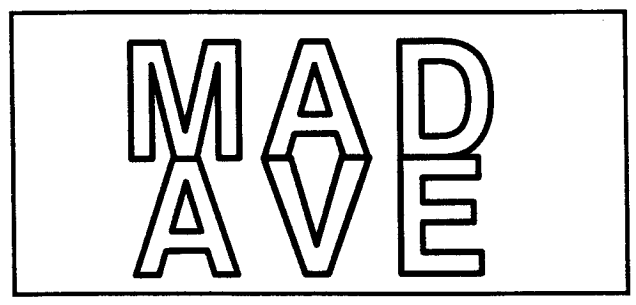

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Venus Williams joins sister in 4th round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—One swing from completing her week's work, Venus Williams toed the baseline, dribbled the ball, gave it a toss and delivered yet another thunderclap serve at sun-kissed Wimbledon.

The ace bounced off the Court 1 backstop as Williams trotted to the net to bid another foe farewell.

The scoreboard said 127 mph, the fastest women's serve ever recorded at Wimbledon. The scoreboard also had Williams winning 6-1, 7-5 Saturday over qualifier Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez.

It was an upset-filled first week at Wimbledon and a rough one for American tennis, but the nonconformist Williams sisters ignored both trends. Four-time champion Venus and two-time champion Serena won three matches each without dropping a set.

Both advanced to Monday's round of 16, as did No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal on the men's side.

With No. 1-ranked Ana Ivanovic and No. 2 Maria Sharapova eliminated, and with No. 3 Jelena Jankovic limping to victory Saturday, prospects look good for an all-Williams final next weekend.

"The chances were wonderful from the beginning, from round one," Venus said. "That's how we see it. The more we progress, obviously the closer it gets."

It would be their first meeting in a Grand Slam final since Serena beat Venus for the 2003 Wimbledon title.

Potential pitfalls remain, Jankovic foremost among them. But she hurt her left knee in the first set against 17-year-old Caroline Wozniacki.

Jankovic won 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, finishing the match with her leg heavily wrapped. She planned to have an MRI exam before facing Tamarine Tanasugarn on Monday.

"I don't think it's that bad," Jankovic said. "I hope for the best so that I will be able to play my next match."

Unable to overcome injury was French Open runner-up Dinara Safina, who finished in tears as she lost to Shahar Peer 7-5, 6-7 (4), 8-6. Safina, who required treatment of her thighs during at least two changeovers, cried between points and hit half-speed serves in the final game, then double-faulted on match point.

Alla Kudryavtseva had a successful encore to her upset of Sharapova, reaching the fourth round at a major event for the first time by beating Peng Shuai 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

With a late start on Centre Court, Nadal barely beat darkness but easily defeated Nicolas Kiefer 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-3. Runner-up to Roger Federer the past two years, Nadal is trying to become the first man to consecutively win the French Open and Wimbledon since Bjorn Borg in 1980.

On Monday he'll play No. 17-seeded Mikhail Youzhny.

In the wake of the worst showing by American men at Wimbledon since 1926, with no one reaching the second week in singles, top-seeded Bob and Mike Bryan advanced to the doubles quarterfinals.

But the U.S. curse extended to Russian Dmitry Tursunov, who lives in California, and German Tommy Haas, who lives in Florida. Both lost.

Tursunov was beaten by Janko Tipsarevic, who upset Andy Roddick in the second round. Haas was defeated by Andy Murray, seeking to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936.

The marquee men's match Monday will be five-time defending champion Federer against 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt.

Defending women's champion Venus Williams is to play Alisa Kleybanova, and Serena Williams faces unseeded Bethanie Mattek, the only other remaining American. Those matches are back to back on Court 2—the "Graveyard of Champions"—but the sisters will nonetheless be heavily favored, as usual at Wimbledon, where they've won six of the past eight titles.

Venus and Serena have settled into a groove on grass after enduring third-round upsets at the French Open—only the second time both lost on the same day at a major event. Serena cleared Wimbledon's third-round hurdle Friday, and Venus was in a hurry to follow.

Her opponent was a Spanish left-hander with a lifetime record of 4-7 in Grand Slam matches. Predictably, Martinez Sanchez had no chance in baseline rallies, and the first set was a tennis clinic of sorts, with Williams whacking winners all over the court.

Her serve was especially impressive—she finished with 11 aces and won 33 of 38 points on her first serve. Even Martinez Sanchez's supporters could appreciate the overpowering performance.

"Vamos, Venus," someone shouted.

But in the second set Martinez Sanchez changed strategy and began to play serve and volley. It was a curious tactic to counter Williams' booming groundstrokes, like diving into the barrel of a howitzer, but for a while it worked.

Martinez Sanchez won three games in a row for a 5-4 lead. Then Williams began to treat her like slow traffic on the British motorway, passing her on the left, then on the right, then on the left again.

"I was pretty happy, because she started putting some pressure on, and I had some good answers," Williams said.

Williams won 12 of the final 14 points, the last with the record serve. At 127 mph, it topped the previous Wimbledon high of 126 achieved by both Venus and Serena. Venus holds the women's tour record with a 129 mph serve at last year's U.S. Open.

"The power that I have ... it's a real blessing," she said. "I'm actually never really trying to serve that hard, if that makes any sense. It just comes big. It's just how I serve. It's just me."

Williams celebrated the victory with her customary pirouette and wave, and as she left the stadium, she spotted a friend in the stands. She put her thumb to her ear and her little finger to her lips and mouthed the words "Call me."

Time to start making dinner plans for the second week.

AP

Venus Williams of the US reacts after winning her third round match against Maria Martinez Sanchez of Spain, at Wimbledon, Saturday, June, 28, 2008.

Daniel 'Rambo' Chopra has 2-shot lead at Buick

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP)—Daniel Chopra's tendency to be wild off the tee and accurate from the rough led Todd Hamilton's caddie to give him a nickname at the Buick Open.

"You're Rambo," he said.

Rambo?

"Yeah, you're lethal from the trees" Chopra recalled the caddie saying.

Now, he has another moniker: Buick Open third-round leader.

Chopra shot a 4-under 68 on Saturday to reach 16 under at Warwick Hills and take a two-shot lead into the final round. He made a 15-foot putt for birdie on the last hole after Dudley Hart bogeyed it to earn a cushion.

"It makes my job a little easier, but not a lot," Chopra said.

Hart (70), Bubba Watson (68) and Woody Austin (69) were 14 under.

"Luckily, none of the leaders went low," Austin said. "So there wasn't a big separation."

Second-round leader Bo Van Pelt (73) was another shot back along with Kenny Perry (67), the highest-ranked player in a lackluster field that includes just three of the top 30 players in the world.

Chopra said any of the 10 players who are 12 under or better have a chance to win at Warwick Hills, one of the easier courses on the PGA Tour.

"It's going to be an absolute shootout," he predicted.

Defending champion Brian Bateman, who missed the cut, is the only 54-hole leader at the Buick Open who did not go on to win in the last seven years.

Since winning the PGA Tour's season-opening event and tying for 32nd the next week, Chopra hasn't fared better than a tie for 33rd and he's missed six cuts.

"Treading water," he explained.

If the 34-year-old Swede, who sports a belt buckle shaped like his country's flag, can hold off the wave of challengers Sunday he will move a step closer to playing in the Ryder Cup.

"I'm one of the players now that has a great opportunity to get in," he said.

Chopra was alone atop the leaderboard for the first time at the ninth hole when Hart had his first bogey of the tournament.

Hart pulled back into a tie with Chopra with a birdie at 16, where he got off to a good start with a 308-yard drive in the middle of the fairway. An errant drive set up trouble at 18, though, and he would've had to make a 31-foot putt just to stay within a stroke.

He has won twice on the PGA Tour, with the last victory coming in 2000 at the Honda Classic. His highlight this year was in February, when he had a third-place finish at Pebble Beach.

Hart missed the last seven months of the 2007 season after a softball-sized tumor was discovered in his wife's lung. She had the tumor and two-thirds of her lung removed last May, but it turned out to be a benign mass. He returned to the tour this year under a family medical exemption and has already made enough money to regain his card.

Watson's career-best finish is a tie for second at the 2007 Houston Open and he's coming off a season-best sixth at the Traveler's Championship.

Austin won his first of three titles at the 1995 Buick Open and his last was at the 2007 Stanford St. Jude Championship. He has been in the top 10 twice this season.

Chopra was wild off the tee Saturday - hitting just three of 14 fairways - but responded well enough to hit 13 of 18 greens.

"I have a good imagination and can hit trundlers and cuts and hooks and find ways to get it on the green," he said. "As long as you give me a swing and some kind of a gap, I'm pretty good at finding it.

"This golf course allows you to do that. It relaxes me a little bit off the tee so that I can go ahead and hit it. If I miss, I can use my skill to recover."

When he didn't land an approach, such as at No. 4—when his second shot rolled off the green and was almost buried under a camping chair—his touch was sharp enough to help him scramble for par.

His creativity also helped him during the second round when he hit a shot from both knees off the lip of a greenside bunker, setting up a gimme for par and another nickname from caddies.

"They said, `Well, maybe we should start calling you Dorf," Chopra recalled. "That was funny, too.

"I said, `Well, I think I like Rambo better.'"

Dodgers fail to get a hit but still beat Angels, 1-0

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Los Angeles Dodgers became just the fifth team in modern Major League Baseball league history to win a game in which they didn't get a hit, defeating the crosstown Los Angeles Angels 1-0 in interleague play Saturday.

The Angels' Jered Weaver pitched six hitless innings and Jose Arredondo pitched the next two innings.

Since the Dodgers didn't have to bat in the ninth, the game doesn't qualify as a no-hitter. It was only the fifth such game since 1900, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The only run came in the fifth inning. Dodgers right-fielder Matt Kemp reached first on what was ruled an error rather than a hit because the Angels pitcher bobbled his fielding attempt.

Kemp stole second and continued to third on a throwing error, then scored on a sacrifice fly.

White Sox 6, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Carlos Quentin hit a tiebreaking homer leading off the bottom of the seventh as the White Sox downed the Cubs in an all-Chicago showdown.

White Sox closer Bobby Jenks escaped a ninth-inning jam to secure back-to-back wins over their city rival.

Quentin hit an 0-2 pitch for an opposite-field home run for his 18th homer of the season to snap the 5-5 tie.

Brewers 5, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Minnesota's 10-game winning streak came to an end at the hands of Milwaukee.

Brewers pitcher Manny Parra allowed just two hits in seven innings to win his sixth straight start.

The Twins only run came on a solo homer with two outs in the ninth.

Astros 11, Red Sox 10

In Houston, Lance Berkman atoned for three strikeouts with a two-run double in the eighth inning to lift Houston over Boston.

It was the first time the Astros had beaten the Red Sox in five all-time meetings.

Houston rallied from 4-0 and 9-6 deficits, setting up Berkman's winner.

Pirates 4, Rays 3, 13 innings

In Pittsburgh, Jason Bay homered with two outs in the 13th inning to give Pittsburgh victory over Tampa Bay.

The defeat ended the Rays' four-game winning streak.

Phillies 8, Rangers 6

In Arlington, Texas, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard hit giant homers in the third inning as Philadelphia held on against Texas.

After Utley hit a 418-foot shot into the Rangers' bullpen in right-center field, Howard hit a blast that landed in the second deck of seats above the bullpen for a 6-2 lead.

Yankees 3, Mets 2

In New York, pitcher Andy Pettitte notched his sixth straight win, leading the Yankees past the Mets in their all-New York clash.

Mets pitcher Johan Santana has received little support from his teammates while dropping four consecutive decisions for the second time in his career.

Pettitte allowed only two solo homers in six neat innings, improving to 6-0 with a 3.54 ERA in his past eight outings.

The Mets fell to 3-2 in the Subway Series this season. The road team has won all five games.

Cardinals 5, Royals 1

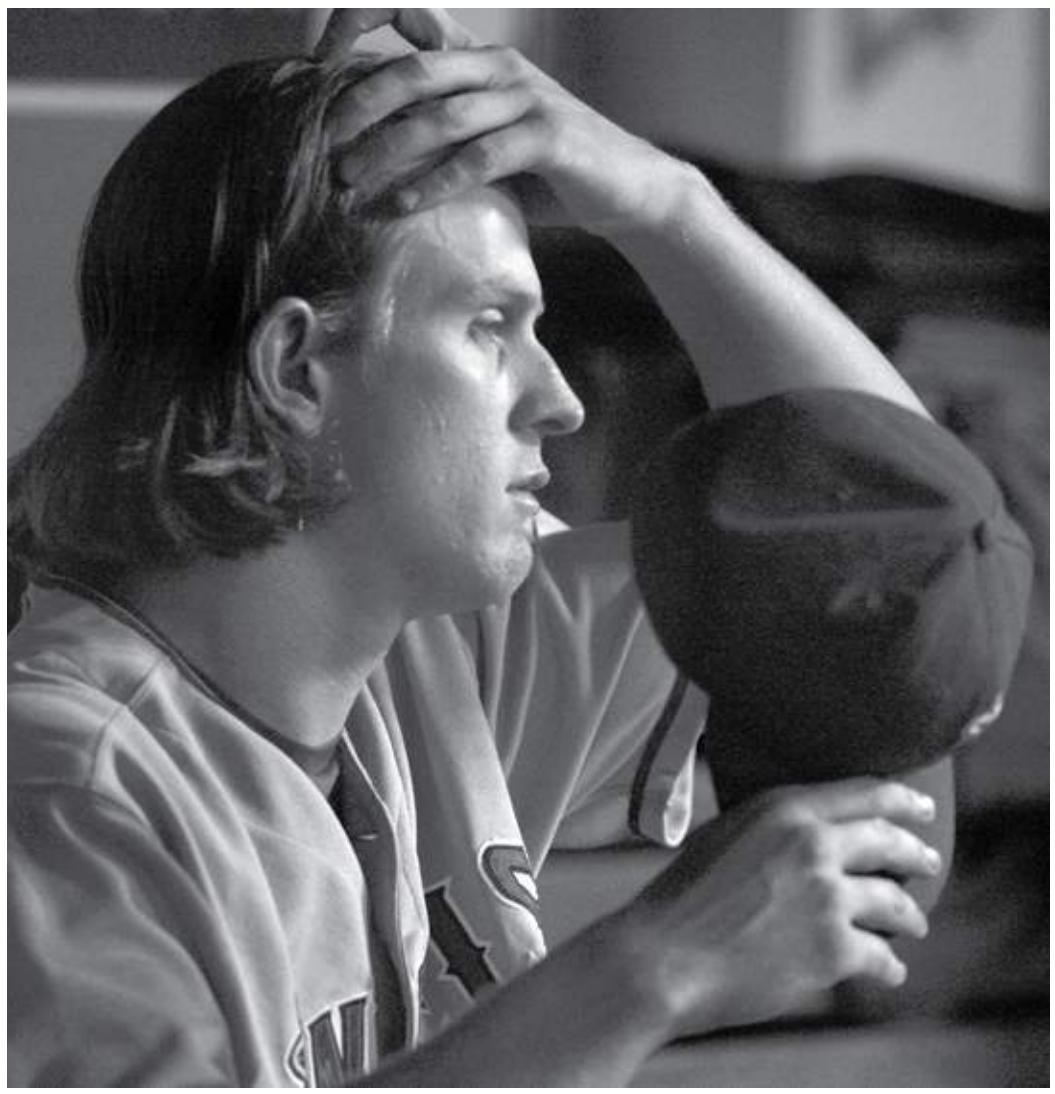
In Kansas City, Missouri, the home team's six-game winning streak was ended by St. Louis.

Rick Ankiel hit a two-run home run for the Cardinals, helping rookie pitcher Mitchell Boggs remain unbeaten.

Boggs allowed only one run in six innings. The Cardinals, who beat the Royals for the first time in five games, are 4-0 in the six starts the 24-year-old has made since being called up from minor-league Memphis.

Ankiel connected for a 407-foot shot that put the Cardinals on top 4-0 in the sixth. It was the 15th home run for the converted pitcher, who has hit in nine of his past 10 games.

The Royals lost for only the second time in 13 games. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Kansas City is the first team since 1994 to have a 12-game losing streak and a span of 11 wins in 12 games in the same season.



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Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Jered Weaver wipes his face in the dugout after being taken out of the game against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Saturday, June 28, 2008.

Diamondbacks 6, Marlins 2

In Miami, Arizona beat Florida for the first time in five tries this season.

Diamondbacks pitcher Brandon Webb returned to his All-Star form, striking out eight and giving up only two runs in six innings for Arizona, which ended a three-game skid. The Diamondbacks' ace had given up 11 earned runs in his previous two starts.

Center fielder Chris Young's triple in the sixth drove in two runs, giving Arizona a 5-1 lead, and he finished with three RBIs.

Giants 1, Athletics 0

In Oakland, California, San Francisco snapped a seven-game losing streak against Bay Area rival Oakland.

Giants starter Tim Lincecum outpitched Justin Duchscherer in a fine matchup between two likely All-Stars, while Randy Winn drove in the only run of the game.

Lincecum struck out 11 for his third game with 10 or more Ks this year and the fifth of his career. Oakland, which allowed only eight runs during its longest winning streak against the Giants, had won 10 of the past 11 meetings between the teams.

Duchscherer had his four-start winning streak snapped but still pitched well, lowering his ERA from 1.99 to 1.91 and became the majors' ERA leader.

Blue Jays 9, Braves 5

In Toronto, Vernon Wells homered and drove in three runs to help Toronto beat Atlanta.

Wells had three hits, Rod Barajas hit a solo homer and Joe Inglett had two RBIs for Toronto, which got a solid effort from John Parrish in his first start since 2004.

Reds 5, Indians 0

In Cleveland, pitcher Johnny Cueto won for the first time in four starts as Cincinnati shut out Cleveland.

Cueto constantly worked out of trouble after giving up five hits, walking three and hitting two batters over 6 1-3 innings.

Cincinnati clinched the season series in the interleague battle of Ohio's teams. The Reds swept three games from the Indians last month and are 1-1 in this three-game series.

Tigers 7, Rockies 6

In Detroit, the home side edged Colorado to reach .500 for the first time this season.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run double in the bottom of the ninth as the Tigers overcame Todd Jones' blown save to record a fourth straight win.

The Rockies used three consecutive two-out hits to claw back from a three-run deficit in the top of the ninth, but then ceded the winning hit to Cabrera in the bottom of the inning to lose a sixth straight game—their third such losing streak this season.

Orioles 9, Nationals 1

In Washington, Luke Scott and Ramon Hernandez homered as Baltimore sank Washington amidst a rain deluge.

Adam Jones matched his career high with four hits for the Orioles.

The match between teams located 35 miles apart drew the biggest gathering at Nationals Park (39,479) since the $611 million stadium opened March 31.

Mariners 4, Padres 2

In San Diego, pitcher Carlos Silva won for the first time in 13 starts as Seattle downed San Diego.

The Mariners beat former teammate Cha Seung Baek who pitched for the Padres.

San Diego lost their season-high seventh straight game.

Silva allowed just two runs in seven innings, keeping the Padres scoreless until the seventh.

Buffalo Bills' Lynch loses license over hit-run

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Bills running back Marshawn Lynch had his driver's license revoked in traffic court on Friday after saying he didn't know he hit someone while driving on a Buffalo street last month.

Administrative Law Judge Thomas Gagola found Lynch's behavior on May 31 "constituted a reckless disregard of human life or property." He also imposed the maximum $100 fine and $50 surcharge after Lynch pleaded guilty to failure to exercise due care toward a pedestrian.

Lynch, the Bills' first-round draft pick in 2007 out of California, was driving his 2008 Porsche Cayenne SUV in the city's bar district at 3:30 a.m. when he struck a 27-year-old Ontario woman and kept going.

"It was raining real hard, there was a dancing pedestrian in the middle of the street," the 22-year-old Lynch said before the hearing. "I slowed down to let her go and continued on my way home. I didn't know my car had hit anyone or anything."

Investigators believe the woman Lynch struck was near the woman he saw dancing.

A longer written statement issued by Lynch's attorney after the hearing said police officers later came to his house and removed his car and that Lynch "was in disbelief" when told it had been in an accident.

Attorney Michael Caffery called the revocation of Lynch's license for an unspecified length of time "a little harsh."

During the hearing, Police Officer Allan Kasprzak said the woman Lynch struck, Kimberly Shpeley, bruised a hip and required seven stitches for a cut on her thigh.

Lynch only had his New York driver's license one day, having received it Thursday after turning in his California license.

Lynch's guilty plea was part of a deal reached last week between his lawyer and Erie County prosecutors that allowed Lynch to avoid a criminal charge. Caffery said investigators found that Lynch did not intentionally leave the scene of an accident, pointing out that Lynch drove home and parked in his driveway.

"There was no intention on his part to hide his vehicle," Caffery said.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, in western New York for a sports symposium, said the league was monitoring the Lynch case. Under the NFL's personal conduct policy, players can be disciplined for "conduct that undermines or puts at risk the integrity and reputation of the NFL, NFL clubs or NFL players."

"From our standpoint," Goodell said, "we'll wait and see what the facts are and then we'll decide whether it's a violation or if it has any involvement in our personal conduct policy."

The Bills did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In the weeks immediately after the accident, investigators grew frustrated by a lack of cooperation from Lynch and the Bills. That eventually led Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark to subpoena three players and at least two Bills officials, including chief operating officer Russ Brandon, to appear before the grand jury.

The grand jury was dismissed without hearing testimony once the agreement was reached.

Lynch, in his statement, said he was following his lawyer's advice.

"I regret that this matter has taken some time to resolve," he said. "If I had known at the time that my vehicle had struck a pedestrian, I would have stopped immediately.

"My greatest concerns and well wishes are of course for Ms. Shpeley. However, I also wish to apologize to my teammates, the entire Buffalo Bills organization and the Buffalo fans for this unfortunate accident," he said.

Shpeley has indicated she is considering filing a lawsuit against Lynch.

Over $5M up for grabs at Tournament of Champions

Once again, the Tournament of Champions is assuring that are plenty of prizes available to win as it gears up for its 13th annual tournament. Cars, cash, and trips are all part of the prize package at this year's tournament set for Aug. 2 and 3 at Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Five lucky players in this year's tournament will have an opportunity to win $1 million each in this year's Million Dollar Shootout. To enter the Million Dollar Shootout, you must be a registered player in TOC. You may purchase raffle tickets for $1 each to enter the shootout. The tickets will be sold on day one of the tournament. Five raffle tickets will be drawn and those lucky winners will have one shot each at a hole-in-one before teeing off on Aug. 3. If you are successful with the hole-in-one you will walk away with $1 million. If your ticket is not chosen, you will still be in the raffle drawing at the banquet to be held at the Saipan World Resort at 6pm on Aug. 3.

The early bird registration for TOC continues until July 25. The registration fee is $200 per player and moves to $225 after July 25. You may register at the DFS Galleria Saipan Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. You may pick up entry forms at DFS or any of the golf courses on Saipan. You may also download it at www.tocsaipan.com.

This year's TOC will mark the 13th year of the tournament on Saipan. Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund. This money has been used for the traffic medians from Garapan to the Palms Resort Saipan, the revitalization of the Garapan special district, the enhanced beautification of the Paseo de Marianas, lighting of the Beach Pathway, landscaping on the port to path walkway and other beautification projects.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2008 TOC, please contact Andy Tidwell of Couture Marketing at 234-1305 or via email at andytidwellsf@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

CNMI

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Luckily for the Philippines, who were buoyed by the presence of more than 70 Filipinos on the stands, Lorenzo Ramos salvaged the win when his sacrifice fly in the sixth brought home Miguel Habana to peg the count at 7-6.

Miguel Santos, the fourth pitcher used by Philippine team manager Alberto Catangui in the game, then preserved Ramos' heroics by going 1-2-3 in the seventh. He first struck out Zacarias Bukikosa then forced Jermaine Tenorio to ground out before a fly out to second base by Philbert Flores ended the game.

Rain wrought havoc to the tournament's Day 2 schedule forcing the Philippines-Guam game in the Senior League to end close to 7pm. The Guam Seniors took that match 6-2. Results of the fourth match of the day between the Philippines' Big League team and Guam's was still not available as of press time.

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18 1500m by crossing the finish line in 4:39.51 and 5:04.21, respectively. Vanuatu's Nori Tubas finished third with a time of 5:33.97.

Tom Hall gave the Kiwis their fourth gold medal of the day when he took the men's under-18 1500m competition (4:24.14), followed by Palau's Douglas Schmidt (4:28.68) and Guam's Christopher Magtoto (4:30.89). Schmidt's medal was Palau's first and only medal of the Championships.

Kathryn Kennedy moments later added another gold by winning the women's under-18 triple jump with a leap of 11.07m. Guam's Pollara Cobb took second with her 10.02m with Jacque Wonenberg winning the bronze with her 9.66m.

Olivia Blundell and Alex Jordan capped New Zealand's golden campaign in the Championships by adding first-place finishes in the under-18 100m sprints.

Blundell won the women's century dash in a time of 12.87. Cobb was second with her 12.92, while Tonga's Vasi Feke was third with her 13.05.

Jordan, for his part, topped the men's under-18 100m by tearing the tape in 11.38. Tonga's Lui and Australia's Daniel McLean came in second and third with times of 11.50 and 11.55, respectively.

Fiji leapfrogged past Australia in the medal standings, winding up with 11 gold medals as well eight silver and three bronze.

Louey Frank started things out for the Fijians, winning gold in the men's triple jump with a leap of 14.23m. Kainric Ozoux of New Caledonia was second (14.05m) and Sandy Katsule of Papua New Guinea third (13.99m).

Me Isoa also continued his strong performance in the Championships by winning the men's 200m sprint in a time of 21.93. Countryman Setareki Tikosaya came in second (22.02) with Australia's Jay Stone finishing third (22.08).

Fiji also struck gold in the women's under-18 400m after Paulinin Korowaqa came in first with a time of 57.81. She was followed by Kiwis Vicky Paine (57.83) and Kennedy (59.00).

Iowane Dovumatua, Satereki, Louey, and Me then added the men's 4x100m relay gold to Fiji's overall medal haul with a run of 42.01. Papua New Guinea runners came in second with their 42.71 with Australia placing third with a 42.84.

Samoa was another country that finished ahead of powerhouse Australia, finishing with 10 gold, three silver, and a bronze. The 2005 Oceania Championships host won two more gold medals Saturday with Beijing Olympics-bound Aunese Curreen winning the men's 1500m with a time of 3:58.76. Fiji's Isireli Naikekekevesi was second (4:03.79) and Guam's Derek Mendel third (4:05.79).

Vincent Lasei also won a gold for Samoa in the final day of competition by topping the men's under-18 shot put with a hurl of 15.49m. New Zealand's William Hubber finished second (14.26) and Cook Islands' Denis Taripo third (13.66).

Australia closed out the area championships with nine gold, 11 silver, and five bronze medals to its name. Athletes from the Land Down Under didn't win a gold medal Saturday.

Papua New Guinea also had an outstanding final day on the track as Mae Koime, Toea Wisil, and Betty Burua finished 1-2-3 in the women's 200m sprint. Komei checked in at 24.11, followed shortly by the 24.45 and 25.05 of Wisil and Burua.

The three then teamed up with Sharon Henry to win the women's 4x100m relay with a time of 47.27. Fiji came in second (49.24) with Australia third (49.92).

Sharon also won a gold of her own when she won the women's 400m hurdles in a time of 61.83. Tonga's Lata Tuifutuna (71.07) and Kiribati's Kaitinano Mwemweata (1:21.71) finished second and third.

Salome Dell also made her presence felt for the Melanesian country's athletics squad, topping the women's 1500m in 4:40.39, followed by Guam's Nicole Layson (5:25.92) and Tonga's Malia'Aneta Patolo (5:45.27).

Mowen Boino, meanwhile, topped the men's 400m hurdles, clocking in at 52.07. He was followed by Fiji's Jone Wainiqolo (55.79) and Guam's Kenneth Karosich (57.02).

New Caledonia bagged two more gold medals Saturday with Christopher Igorra winning the men's under-18 long jump (6.63m), followed by the 6.62m of New Zealand's John Kendall and the 6.52m of fellow Kiwi Nick Gerard.

Daniel Kilama also cemented his reputation as the Championships' strongest man when he won the men's discus with a throw of 48.06m. Rooarii Pito of Tahiti took the silver (47.51m) and Kilama's countryman, Yann Fuluhea, the bronze (45.04m).

New Caledonia finished with a haul of four gold, three silver, and two bronze medals.

Cook Islands' Tereapii Tapoki and Daniel Tutai also won gold medals for the host of the 2009 Pacific Mini Games.

Tapoki won the women's discus (50.59m), followed by Taseli Iva Satupai of Samoa (46.57m) and Perle Buard of Tahiti (30.82).

Tutai, for his part, won the men's javelin throw (52.76m) with countryman Denis Taripo winning the silver (46.27m).

Cook Islands went on to win two gold, three silver, and five bronze medals.

Making up the rest of the medal standings are Guam (4 gold, 6 silver, and 13 bronze), Tahiti (4-6-5), Tonga (1-7-5), CNMI (1-6-9), Solomon Islands (1-2-2), Kiribati (1-1-2), Norfolk Islands (1-0-1), Palau (one silver), Vanuatu (two bronze), and Nauru (one bronze).

PACQUIAO

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pound champion.

His lightweight debut at the Mandalay Bay Events Center was every bit as action-packed as his long history of brawls at lower weights. Like most of Pac-Man's victims, Diaz (34-2-1) just couldn't keep that ferocious pace.

Pacquiao also was relentless with his right hook, apparently capitalizing on something seen by trainer Freddie Roach in Diaz's defense.

"It was his speed," said Diaz, the game but overmatched champion. "It was all his speed. I could see the punches perfectly, but he was just too fast. He boxed me more than I thought he was going to box. I said to Freddie, 'It's the best I've ever seen him box.' Freddie said, 'Me too. That was our game plan.'"

Three months ago, Juan Manuel Marquez stretched Pacquiao to the limit before losing a split decision in the same ring in perhaps the year's best bout so far. Pacquiao took much less punishment this time while winning every round on every judge's scorecard, but Diaz was remarkably tenacious in the face of nonstop attacks—until Pacquiao sneaked home a left hand that dropped Diaz to the canvas.

Diaz, the likable but unlikely champion from Chicago, knew he faced long odds—4-to-1 at fight time—in his second title defense. The former U.S. Olympian hung in despite severe cuts and weary legs that wobbled with each of Pacquiao's big punches.

"His punches are just too fast," Diaz told his corner after the sixth round.

Diaz's face was dripping blood by then, and both fighters' white trunks were shaded pink by the eighth, when Pacquiao battered Diaz relentlessly. After Pacquiao's decisive punch in the ninth, referee Vic Drakulich stopped the bout before even counting to 10.

Pacquiao tugged on Diaz's arm in compassion before leaping onto the ropes in celebration.

Pacquiao threw 788 punches to Diaz's 463, also landing 10 percent more of his blows. Pacquiao jabbed well, with remarkable discipline for an instinctual brawler, but Diaz was hurt most by the 180 power shots that connected.

Pacquiao started fighting as a scrawny 16-year-old in the Philippines, but he grew into a dynamic competitor who won world titles at 112, 122 and 130 pounds while beating Barrera at 126. Few of those victories gave Roach more pleasure than this disciplined effort.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	50	33	.602	–
Tampa Bay	48	32	.600	1/2
New York	44	37	.543	5
Baltimore	41	38	.519	7
Toronto	39	43	.476	10 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	45	35	.563	–
Minnesota	44	37	.543	1 1/2
Detroit	40	40	.500	5
Cleveland	37	44	.457	8 1/2
Kansas City	37	44	.457	8 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	48	33	.593	–
Oakland	44	36	.550	3 1/2
Texas	41	41	.500	7 1/2
Seattle	30	50	.375	17 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	44	38	.537	–
Florida	41	39	.513	2
Atlanta	40	42	.488	4
New York	39	41	.488	4
Washington	32	50	.390	12

Central Division

Chicago	49	32	.605	–
St. Louis	46	36	.561	3 1/2
Milwaukee	44	36	.550	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	38	42	.475	10 1/2
Houston	38	43	.469	11
Cincinnati	37	45	.451	12 1/2

West Division

Arizona	41	40	.506	–
Los Angeles	38	42	.475	2 1/2
San Francisco	35	46	.432	6
Colorado	32	49	.395	9
San Diego	32	50	.390	9 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Toronto 9, Atlanta 5
N.Y. Yankees 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Houston 11, Boston 10
Detroit 7, Colorado 6
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 3, 13 innings
Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 0
Arizona 6, Florida 2
Baltimore 9, Washington 1
Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 1
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 1
Philadelphia 8, Texas 6
San Francisco 1, Oakland 0
Seattle 4, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 1, L.A. Angels 0

BUICK OPEN SCORES

GRAND BLANC, Michigan (AP)–Scores from Saturday's third round of the $5 million (£3.17 million) Buick Open on the 7,127-yard (6,515-meter), par-72 Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club:

THIRD ROUND

Daniel Chopra	65-67-68	200
Bubba Watson	67-67-68	202
Woody Austin	66-67-69	202
Dudley Hart	64-68-70	202
Kenny Perry	69-67-67	203
Bo Van Pelt	64-66-73	203
Briny Baird	65-71-68	204
Charles Warren	67-68-69	204
Ken Duke	69-66-69	204
Matt Jones	70-63-71	204
Corey Pavin	64-74-67	205
Rod Pampling	71-69-65	205
Michael Letzig	69-67-69	205
Lucas Glover	70-66-69	205
Brett Rumford	70-69-67	206
Craig Barlow	70-69-67	206
Bob Tway	68-71-67	206
Scott Verplank	68-72-66	206
Charlie Wi	72-65-69	206
Paul Goydos	71-70-65	206
Todd Hamilton	70-66-70	206
Todd Demsey	68-67-71	206
Fredrik Jacobson	68-66-72	206
Rocco Mediate	71-69-67	207
Brian Gay	69-68-70	207
Stephen Leaney	67-70-70	207
Jason Gore	68-68-71	207
Ryan Palmer	70-66-71	207
Glen Day	72-69-66	207
Mark Hensby	71-68-69	208
Kevin Stadler	70-70-68	208
Kevin Streelman	70-68-70	208
Billy Mayfair	69-70-69	208
Tom Lehman	71-67-70	208
Jim Furyk	68-72-68	208
Tag Ridings	67-70-71	208
Gavin Coles	71-69-68	208
Charles Howell III	71-66-71	208
Tom Byrum	67-69-72	208
John Rollins	72-64-72	208
Jon Mills	66-69-73	208
Marc Turnesa	71-69-69	209
Jimmy Walker	72-65-72	209
Ben Crane	68-73-68	209
Shane Bertsch	71-69-70	210
Robert Garrigus	69-69-72	210
Lee Janzen	67-73-70	210
Brad Elder	67-71-72	210
Dustin Johnson	68-70-72	210
Harrison Frazar	68-69-73	210
Nick O'Hern	68-72-70	210
Shigeki Maruyama	66-75-69	210
Justin Leonard	71-68-72	211
James Driscoll	72-68-71	211
Peter Lonard	70-68-73	211
Justin Bolli	70-70-71	211
Nick Watney	69-66-76	211
Michael Bradley	73-68-70	211
Jay Williamson	68-73-70	211
Charley Hoffman	70-70-72	212
Chris Riley	71-69-72	212
Chris DiMarco	70-68-74	212
Cameron Beckman	74-67-71	212
Tim Wilkinson	71-70-71	212
John Huston	71-70-71	212
Billy Andrade	71-70-71	212
Bob Estes	70-71-71	212
Heath Slocum	72-69-71	212
Kenneth Ferrie	66-73-74	213
Paul Claxton	69-70-74	213
J.P. Hayes	71-68-74	213
Dicky Pride	69-71-73	213
Mathew Goggin	68-72-73	213
Kyle Thompson	71-70-72	213
Mark Brooks	70-71-72	213

LOCAL SCORES

2008 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDAL STANDINGS

(Unofficial final results)

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
New Zealand	17	10	6	33
Fiji	11	8	3	22
Samoa	10	3	1	14
Australia	9	11	5	25
Papua New Guinea	9	6	5	20
Guam	4	6	13	23
Tahiti	4	6	5	15
New Caledonia	4	3	2	9
Cook Islands	2	3	5	10
Tonga	1	7	5	13
CNMI	1	6	9	16
Solomon Islands	1	2	2	5
Kiribati	1	1	2	4
Norfolk Islands	1	0	1	2
Vanuatu	0	0	2	2
Nauru	0	0	1	1
Palau	0	1	0	1
RMI	0	0	0	0
A. Samoa	0	0	0	0
FSM	0	0	0	0

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 20

9am Hong Kong vs. Philippines Junior League
11am Guam vs. CNMIJunior League
1pm Philippines vs. CNMI Senior League
3pm Philippines vs. Hong KongJunior League

2008 Oceania Championships

Photos BY DAN KIMBALL

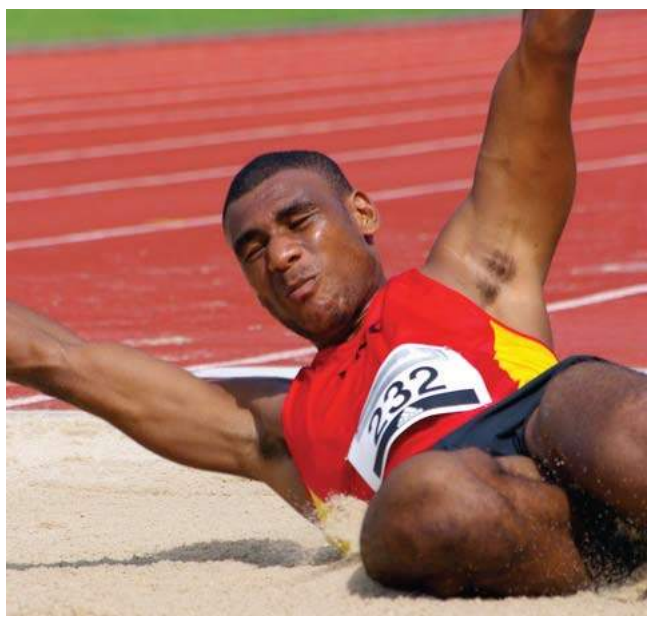
Far left, participants of the men's 200m sprint around the curb at the Oleai Track and Field. The event was won by Fiji's Isoa Me.

Left, the start of the men's under-18 100m sprint of the final day of the 2008 Oceania Championships at the Oleai Track and Field.

Right, Tom Hall of New Zealand, right, won the gold in the men's under-18 1500m. To his left is Guam's Christopher Magtoto, who finished third.

Middle right, Salome Dell of Papua New Guinea won the women's 1500m with a run of 4:40.39.

Far right, Tereapii Tapoki of Cook Islands is all emotion after one of her throws in the discus. She won the event with a throw of 50.59m.



Above, PNG's Betty Burua passes to teammate Toea Wisil in the women's 4x100 relay in the next to final event of the 2008 Oceania Championships.

Middle above, Mong Tavol of Papua New Guinea celebrates after one of his jumps in the triple jump competition.

Right, Perle Buard of Tahiti won the silver in the discus competition of the 2008 Oceania Championships.

Above, New Zealand's Kathryn Kennedy won the women's under-18 triple jump with a leap of 11.07m.

Left, Kiwis Laura Nagel, right, and Emily Kinsler finished 1-2 in the women's under-18 1500m.

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Venus Williams joins sister in 4th round

One swing from completing her week's work, Venus Williams toed the baseline, dribbled the ball, gave it a toss and delivered yet another thunderclap serve at sun-kissed Wimbledon.

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New Zealand tops medal tally

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New Zealand's under-18 team topped the medal standings of the 2008 Oceania Championships, which ended Saturday at the Oleai Track and Field.

The Kiwis added eight more gold medals in the final day of competition, a perfect bookend to New Zealand's campaign in the area championships.

The Kiwis also snapped up the first women's gold and silver in Day 1 of the competitions in Cross Country last Wednesday.

New Zealand, which took their much-deserved tour of Saipan's historic and tourist sites yesterday, wound up with 17 gold medals to go along with its 10 silver and six bronze.

Michael Cochrane began the Kiwis' final day charge, bagging a gold medal by topping the men's under-18 400m hurdles with a time 54.69. He was followed by the 54.75 of Andy Lui of Tonga and the 65.67 of Guam's Malenchov Towai.

Joel Armstrong also proved true to his surname, winning the men's under-18 400m sprint (49.63). Australia's Dean Searles took the silver (50.32) with Kiribati's Kiakia Tekambw winning the bronze (52.10).

Laura Nagel, who won the Cross Country, and Emily Kinsler then finished 1-2 in the women's under-

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DAN KIMBALL
Laura Nagel and the rest of her New Zealand team ran away with the overall title of the 2008 Oceania Championships by bagging 17 gold medals along with 10 silver and six bronze during the four-day competition at the Oleai Track and Field.

CNMI, RP win Junior debuts

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The CNMI and the Philippines won their Junior League debuts in the 2008 Asia-Pacific Regional Little League Tournament, but not before getting a scare from their opponents yesterday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

In the first game, the CNMI Junior All-Stars staved off a gallant comeback by Indonesia before exploding for five runs in the seventh inning for a 9-6 win.

The host team was comfortably ahead in the bottom of the sixth inning, 4-1, before the Indonesian team finally figured out the puzzle that was CNMI starting pitcher Henry Nakamura.

Kogi Putratama was the first to get on base and then swiftly stole second. Ariesta Hakim gave Indonesia two base runners on an error and then the two scored on a sacrifice fly by Ikasan Adityama to make it 4-3.

The CNMI actually had a chance to break up the play but instead of heading off Putratama and Hakim at home plate, CNMI catcher Anthony Salas opted to throw to first base.

Robert Staa then equalized the game when Salas failed to handle the pitch from Nakamura.

That was it for Nakamura as CNMI Junior All-Stars manager Vinnie Sablan lifted his ace in favor of Peter Tenorio. The move immediately paid dividends as the Indonesians went down for the second and third outs of the inning.

CNMI then answered the Southeast Asian nation's three-run sixth with some nifty hitting of its own in the seventh.

Aware that an upset was in the works, the host team's bat didn't take long to heat up in the final frame of the ballgame.

McGarett Duenas started the fireworks when he drilled relief pitcher Muhammad Defrin with a single. Defrin was then chased from the mound when a pass ball allowed Lamarc Iguel to advance to first and Duenas to second.

Richard Dela Cruz didn't give Defrin's replacement, Staa, any breathing room when he also hit a single and Duenas and Iguel shortly scored after that to make it 6-4.

After Dela Cruz was brought in by Justin Kintol, Tenorio and Rocco Reyes would follow suit after Nakamura's single allowed them to cross home plate, giving the CNMI a 9-4 lead.

Indonesia's comeback in the bottom of the final inning got off on the right foot as Jonathan Klavert and Naufal Kurniawan's back-to-back singles—leading to runs—gave the visitors some hope.

But starter Richard Dela Cruz was called on to assume the closer's role and followed a Hakim walk with a strikeout of Adityama. He then polished off the win for the CNMI by inducing Staa to ground out and Gyaziandri Sumawinata to fly out to second base.

In the second game, the Philippines took a commanding 6-0 lead only to see Guam level the count with a six-run explosion in the fifth inning.

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Philippine Junior All-Stars starting pitcher Charles Jason Catangui is about to throw from the mound in their 2008 Asia-Pacific Regional Little League Tournament game against Guam's yesterday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Pacquiao stops Diaz in ninth, wins WBC lightweight crown

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LAS VEGAS (AP)—Speed has been Manny Pacquiao's specialty ever since he was a scrawny 106-pound teenage brawler. When he stepped in the ring weighing 135 pounds on Saturday night, even his trainer wondered whether Pacquiao would lose some of his splendid speed with all that extra bulk.

That theory evaporated with one look at David Diaz's lacerated, bloody face, even before it hit the canvas in the ninth round. Not only did Pacquiao keep his pace while winning the WBC lightweight title with a ninth-round knockout, the Filipino phenomenon got stronger along the way.

What a frightening thought for the rest of the talented lightweight division.

"I feel much, much stronger and more powerful at 135," said Pacquiao, the first Asian boxer to win title belts at four weights. "This is where I plan to stay. I did real well. I was really surprised it wasn't stopped sooner."

After winning a recognized championship fight at his fifth weight—including a nontitle victory over 126-pound king Marco Antonio Barrera in 2003—Pacquiao (47-3-2, 35 KOs) definitely has the credentials to qualify as boxing's mythical pound-for-

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AP
Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, trades punches with David Diaz during the sixth round of their WBC lightweight championship boxing match Saturday, June 28, 2008, in Las Vegas.